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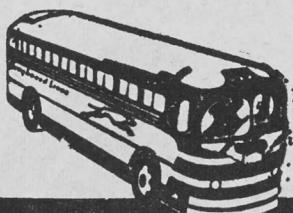
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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

My Dear People:

Elsewhere in this issue there will be a great deal about Evangelism, our chief concern this year, so that I do not need to stress it here. Instead, I shall write to you on a different subject.

I wonder how many of you know about the institutions our Church maintains in Edmonton, of which we are very proud, because of the service they offer to the community.

There is first of all, Elizabeth House, beside St. Faith's Church, in the building that originally was the Mission House of the Edmonton Mission. At Elizabeth House we provide, in comfortable, home-like surroundings, a home for elderly ladies. It is run by the Sisters of St. John the Divine.

There is only one fault about Elizabeth House. It is too small.

Therefore, the Executive Committee of the Diocese has given permission to the Elizabeth House Guild to campaign for \$75,000 for the Lorena Barfoot Memorial Wing. When this wing is completed—and how fitting it is that it should be a memorial to Mrs. Barfoot!—it will double the facilities of Elizabeth House.

I regard this appeal as first in priority in all special appeals in our diocese. The ladies of Elizabeth House Guild are carrying on the campaign courageously by themselves. I do ask the friendly interest and support of all in our Diocese who are approached.

Near to Elizabeth House is St. John's House. It is also run by the Sisters of St. John the Divine, but it is a completely separate establishment. St. John's provides a home for girls who have got into difficulties and are going to bear a child out of wedlock. Such girls so often need special care and Christian friendship, and it is good for our parishes to know that St. John's is available at such a time.

Our diocese is greatly indebted to the Sisters of St. John The Divine for their work at Elizabeth house and St. John's. The S.S.J.D. is a Canadian religious order of our Church, with its Mother House in Willowdale, Ontario.

The St. Catherine's Residence was founded thirty years ago by an Anonymous Donor, an



Englishwoman who did much for Western Canada. It is a residence for young women who are working in the city and who want a "home away from home" at reasonable cost. St. Catherine's is ably run by Mrs. E. Lewis, and its popularity is apparent, for it is full at present. However, in filling vacancies, preference is given to Anglican girls. There may be a number of our diocesan families who would be glad to know that St. Catherine's is ready to welcome into its household, whenever it can, the girls of our Church whose work brings them to Edmonton

When the University of Alberta was founded, our Church was interested from the first. The plan was for us to have an Arts College on the campus, to be known as St. Aidan's. This plan we were never able to fully realize, but a St. Aidan's does exist and is doing a good work. It is a house which is able to house a few of our Anglican young men who are studying at the University. It provides a centre for the work of the Canterbury Club. Its chapel is a centre of devotion for our students.

You will be hearing more from me about St. Aidan's in the future.

So you see, we are trying to serve the community in the City of Edmonton in these varied ways. We may be proud of our Elizabeth House, St. John's, St. Catherine's and St. Aidan's.

For the Christian Church is a Fellowship in Christ.

In that fellowship and in Him I greet you.

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TOWARDS EVANGELISM

(STATEMENT BY THE BISHOP ON EVANGELISM
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COMMITTEE)

We did not need a call from General Synod to realize that we of the Diocese of Edmonton need to evangelize. And let us face it. Evangelism as a conscious, planned activity does not come easily to most Anglicans. Parish Missions—yes—but often they become no more than instruction of the faithful.

Such a situation calls for deep thought and earnest prayer. A conventional plan could be announced without much thought, but surely we are called to a more daring, experimental work for Christ and His Church.

For this reason I have thought it wise to write out at some length my thoughts about evangelism, and the programme that I can see God calling us to. Sometimes in what follows I only ask a question. **Asking you** to think.

THE MESSAGE:

When the Commission appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York reported in 1943 in the book "Towards the Conversion of England," it summarized the Gospel in these sentences:

The Gospel is the good news that God is, and that God is love.

The Gospel is the good news that God has intervened and done for man that which man could not do for himself.

The Gospel is the good news that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself.

The Gospel is the good news of the "restoration of all things" in Christ.

The Gospel is the good news that God in Christ has opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

The Gospel is the good news of the New life to be enjoyed in the fellowship of Christ's church.

The Gospel is the good news of the power of the Holy Spirit available to the members of Christ.

The Gospel is the good news of redemption to Eternal Life.

The Gospel is the good news of the final triumph of the good, and that Jesus Christ has opened the way of escape from the fear of sin, from the fear of judgment, and from everlasting death.

There are several comments to make on this statement. For one thing it is more complicated, almost more sophisticated, than the proclaiming of the Gospel to be found in the usual evangelistic pamphlet. Such pamphlets say something like this: "You are a sinner. Christ died for you. You must be born again. You are born again when you repent and believe and accept Christ as your personal Saviour. Then comes peace and joy and victory."

We Anglicans, whatever "party" we belong to, are committed to the full Gospel—the ancient Faith as interpreted by the early Church and re-interpreted by the insights of the Reformers. Some of us emphasize the ancient interpretation, some of us the Reformation re-interpretation—but all of us are committed to a full-rounded, yet fundamentally simple faith.

Our objection to the sects is not the voracity of their faith, but the poverty of their faith. To us they seem to offer a "one-eyed" Christianity.

The Gospel Is a Challenge to Faith

The phrase "voracity of faith" was originally used in a comment on the faith of Dwight L. Moody, the great evangelist. It does seem an apt phrase for the faith found in the sects.

Then there was Newman's discovery, after he became a Roman Catholic, of "the simple faith in the Catholic Creed and system" of which their priests always give evidence, "and which they never seem to feel, in any sense at all, to be a burden."

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But what about our Anglican "Via Media?" Has it become a Half-way House of Half-belief?

The Gospel proclaims that **something happened**—whether we believe it or not:

"God so **loved** the world, that he **gave** his only-begotten Son." (John 3:16).

"No doubt the Kingdom of Heaven is **come** among you." (Luke 11:20).

"God **commended** his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us.**" (Romans 5:8).

"Like as **Christ was raised up from the dead** by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4).

This is not the language of mythology or of elevating thoughts. This is a blunt statement that something happened.

It is a challenge to believe and live.

THE HEARERS

Those who shall hear this Gospel today are men and women who live in a postChristian world.

Western Christendom has been exposed to the Gospel for at least 1,500 years. If it ever really had the infection of Christianity, it seems to have recovered.

Scientific knowledge, Biblical criticism, comparative religion, and Freudian psychology have combined to make a simple faith difficult for many people. Even those who know little of these subjects have breathed in the atmosphere they create.

The only Gospel-preaching that will reach such folk is one which has faced the crisis of doubt.

We cannot ignore the thought of hundreds of years and go behind it to a naive, uncritical faith. That is the mistake of the fundamentalists.

But the Hearers are not intellectuals; they are—most of them—ordinary men and women.

The weakness of ultra-sophisticated reinterpretations of the Gospel is that they forget ordinary people—whom God must love, for he made so many of them.

I always remember Lady Blennerhassett's comment on Roman Catholic Modernism: "I must," she said, "have the same religion as my washerwoman, and Father Tyrell's is not the religion for my washerwoman."

And there was the comment of Bishop Bargraav on one of the speakers at Evanston: "The Word was made theology and did not dwell among us."

Our planning on Evangelism will be helped by seeking the answer to two questions:

1. Why has a fundamentalist group, the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship been a more vital force on the campus than the Student Christian Movement—or the Canterbury Clubs?
2. Why are most of us convinced that the I.V.C.F.'s way is not the full way of truth?

Our evangelism will face two dangers:

1. To be too intellectual to be intelligible, or
2. To be too simple to be true.

The only Faith which will ultimately lift 20th Century man into the Fellowship of the Kingdom is a faith of which we can say "There lambs may wade and elephants can swim."

That is the very Gospel we have been entrusted with—the Catholic Faith.

The Hearers Need Salvation

Twentieth Century Man, for all his knowledge and his science and his comforts, is a sinner, like the man of every age.

There are:

1. Sinners who are sinners and do not know it.
2. Sinners who are sinners, know it—and do not care.
3. Sinners who are sinners, know it—and are in hell.
4. Sinners who are sinners, and live with a vague yet crippling sense of guilt.
5. Sinners who have been inoculated with dead Christianity, and seem immune to the real thing.
6. Sinners who are half-converted.
7. Respectable folk—decent materialists—not sinners in the concrete sinful acts—but sinners in that they are far from God.
8. Beside the sinners are the heavy-laden to whom Christ said "Come unto me"—the fearful, the lonely, the sufferers, the whole host of unhappy folk.

Can we say that there are none of these in our parishes?

The Hearers Must Be Approached in God's Way

This means that in our evangelism we shall have these motives and attitudes:

Firstly, we will need **Love**. "God so loved." "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us."

"And Jesus . . . was moved with compassion toward them because they were as sheep not having a shepherd." (Mark 6:34).

We are called to Evangelism, not to make our Church larger, nor to improve our finances, nor to display so many scalps—but because we have caught something of the Divine Charity.

Secondly, we must act with **Respect**. We forget the respect that God shows towards man, a respect so great that he allows man to sin. "What is man, that thou art mindful of him; and the son of man, that thou visited him? Thou madest him lower than the angels; to crown him with glory and worship. (Psalms 8:4-5 P.B.)

This consideration will prohibit all cheap and easy evangelistic tricks, the methods of dishonest propaganda, or the watering-down of the Gospel to make it easier to take.

"I am the food of the full-grown; become a man, and thou shalt feed on me." (St. Augustine: Confessions VII-10).

And we will need **Patience** and **Austerity**. "The Lord thy God is holy."

The Hearers will only be drawn to a "costing" religion

As social sanctions force Church Membership on fewer and fewer people, there is one good result. People have less use for a merely formal religion than they used to.

Only a "costing" religion will challenge them.

Sacrifice is inescapably a part of the Christian life. "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." (1 Peter 2:21).

Yet the Christian always finds that his sacrifice has really cost him nothing.

To use Bishop Hick's Pattern of Sacrifice,

Life surrendered—the difficult step becomes

Life transformed—and then

Life shared.

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

(Matt. 12: 19-30).

This suggests that **every step in your programme of evangelism must call for some sacrifice from everyone.**

This sacrifice—be it of pride, or time, or money—will become a **peg**, fixing us in this new advance in serving Christ.

THE MESSENGERS

Does God—or does he not—want us to be his Messengers?

Does he want our story to be that of a gradual retreat to the cities and large towns?

Or does he want a Church alert, vigorous and growing, because it is the Christ-bearer?

What instruments for evangelism has God put into our hands?

1. He has given us the Bible
2. He has given us the Creeds.
3. He has given us an Apostolic Ministry.
4. He has given us the Sacraments.
5. He has given us the Prayer Book.
6. He has given us the Parish System.

No other Church has these instruments in the same combination. Therefore, if God wants us to evangelize he must intend that we shall use these instruments together. They will determine the character of our campaign.

The Place of the Priest

Not all the clergy are called to be evangelists in the technical sense. "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." (Ephes. 4:11).

But the work of the ministry must be evangelistic in two senses:

1. All Christians, clerical or lay, are called to be Witnesses. (Acts 1:8).
2. The Ministry—Pastoral, Preaching, Teaching, Sacramental, Absolving—is a ministry of leadership in the Church, which is Christ's instrument for extending His Kingdom. Therefore all the activities of the ministry have the evangelistic task as a background.

The Work of the Laity in Evangelism

"The Evangelization of England . . . is a work that cannot be done by the clergy alone; it can only be done to a very small extent by the clergy at all. There can be no wide-

spread evangelism of England unless the work is undertaken by the lay people of the Church . . . The main duty of the clergy must be to train the lay members of the congregation in their work of witness." William Temple.

Many of the laity feel hopelessly unprepared and even unworthy when they hear this call to Evangelism. It must be understood that that is natural and right—no Christian should feel worthy.

But we must realize also that Christ does not wait for us to be worthy.

He does not look for perfect instruments.

St. Peter said to him, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

But our Lord's answer to him was: "Fear not; for henceforth thou shalt catch men." (Luke 5:8,10).

If Christ wants us to do a work for him, He will train us as we go forward with the work. The best training is experience.

Our laity have an instinctive reticence about holy things.

We Anglicans should cherish this. Sometimes professional evangelism becomes cheap; a man's soul, if forever help up before the public eye, can become shoddy.

But we must also remember that reticence can become a cloak for sin or an excuse for avoiding God's call.

Also, there are times when only a layman's experience of Christ will open someone else's eyes to Christ.

Here is an example: Many of the laity know from blessed experience that God guides them in their lives. When they have to make a decision, they pray about it. Yet such people, if someone came to them for advice on a problem that was obviously spiritual, might easily through shyness, fail to mention the greatest source of help they themselves know in such situations. Is this not a place where they must forget their reticence, and simply suggest quietly the helpfulness of prayer?

Moreover, some of the laity have found their way to Christ along a difficult road. The strength of Alcoholics Anonymous is that the alcoholic who turns to them knows that they understand him, **for they have been through it.**

A clergyman who knew that around him is a band of faithful laymen, who have had their problems and have been helped by our Lord, would be able to choose the right man to help someone else in his difficulties.

Our Worship

The evangelizing power in our Prayer Book is great. How many of the converts to our Church were really won by her worship!

How many more would be won if parson and people planned and worked to make their parish worship a living act of adoration.

It may be that we need Congregation-practice more than Choir-practice!

The Parish

Everything I have written so far seems to point to the fact that for Anglicans evangelism must be through the parish. **The parish is the evangelizing agency God has given us.**

It is a family called together in Christ
 —to worship.
 —to live in Christian fellowship.
 —to do Christian acts of service.
 —and to be a spear-head in the army of Christ.

THE PROGRAMME

Our Objective

Every Parish in the Diocese served by a company of alert, Christ-confident men and women, who are filled with loving concern for others, a sympathetic understanding of their troubles, and zeal to share with them the living relationship with Christ that is in the fellowship of His Church.

The Programme

We called for: "**Prophetic Preaching**" by the clergy, especially in Lent, to awaken concern for this objective, and to win people to give themselves to prayer and work towards this objective.

A Call to Family Prayer

Every family in the Diocese is asked to say together daily, at a meal where all are assembled, these prayers:

O Lord, who lovest all mankind,
 May thy Kingdom come
 Within our hearts and home,
 Through all our land,
 In all the world,
 For Jesus Christ's Sake. Amen.

Lord, revive thy Church, beginning with me. Amen.

These prayers will be supplied on a card.

Group Meetings

In each parish we look for groups to meet with the Rector to think and plan about evangelism.

These meetings should include three elements:

1. Prayer.
2. Study.
3. Planning.

In all these the laity should participate. Why should not a layman be the leader, with the parson acting as advisor?

Material for Study and Planning

The Diocesan Committee will search for material and make it available to the parishes.

We do not plan to provide this study material free.

A modest (very modest) beginning in the "costingness" of our religion is to ask group members to pay for any books or pamphlets they receive. If it is worth studying, it is worth buying.

Deanery or District Conferences

The keenest of our people will need, after a time to meet with others from neighboring parishes, to compare methods and difficulties, and to hear the good news of others' success.

The Conferences will not be easy to arrange for longer than a day. A series of week-end Conferences would be ideal, but our problem is accommodation.

A Diocesan Conference

Probably in October.

Visitation Evangelism

The nature and purpose of visitations will necessarily vary from parish to parish.

The Visitation could be part of the preparation for a Parish Mission.

The Visitation (in the city) could be a house to house canvass to search out Anglicans and others who are visited.

A Visitation should have a specific objective.

A lay visitor needs such a simple and direct object. He is not just "to make a call."

In Rural Parishes, the discussion group, as the whole parish enters into its prayers, will know the real needs of every home.

Then the visitor can call to minister to that need:

- in one home to gain a boy for the Scout Troop.
- in another to get the children to Sunday School.
- in another to enlist the father for some work in the Church.
- in another to minister to a shut-in or an invalid.

And always, behind the immediate objective, the ultimate objective of more souls won to Christ in the fellowship of his Church.

Such a Visitation need not be concentrated in one week. It could be a continuing affair.

In City Parishes. Here the Visitation will not likely begin with the same complete knowledge of the situation in each home.

The objectives will, therefore, be more general, but they should still be simple and workable.

- to make contact with a family.
- to invite them into the Parish fellowship.
- to get the children to Sunday School, etc.

Christian Education

Our conception of the way to become a Christian is not the same as the Baptists' or the Sects'. We know that the Christian life may be a growth, with often no supreme moment of conscious decision, no experience other than Baptism which can be described as "being born again."

Therefore Evangelism and Christian Education go hand in hand. The laity look for and need a growing experience of the Faith, the Worship, the Fellowship, the Life of the Church.

Parish Missions

None of these, unless already planned, should be arranged before October, 1956. In most parishes they should not come until 1957.

A TIME TABLE

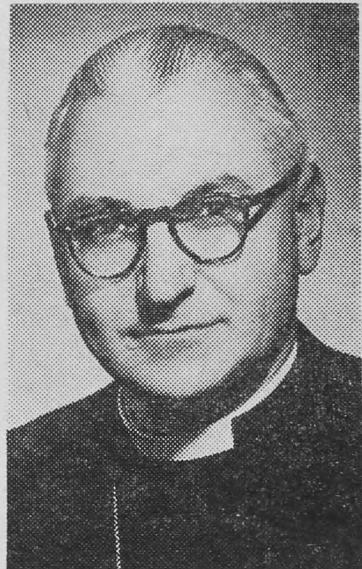
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May or June	—Beginning of District Conferences
October	—Training for Missioners
November	—Beginning of Parish Missions

These Men Will Help Edmonton Keep Lent this Year



The Rt. Rev. P. R. Beattie

of the Diocese of Kootenay. He will follow Bishop Clark in the order of Lenten preachers at the Cathedral. Bishop Beattie will be preaching from February 20th to February 24th.



The Rt. Rev. E. S. Reed

of the Diocese of Ottawa, is one of Canada's newer and younger Bishops. A visitor in Edmonton during the session of General Synod, he returns to conduct Lenten services from Monday, February 27th to Friday, March 2nd.



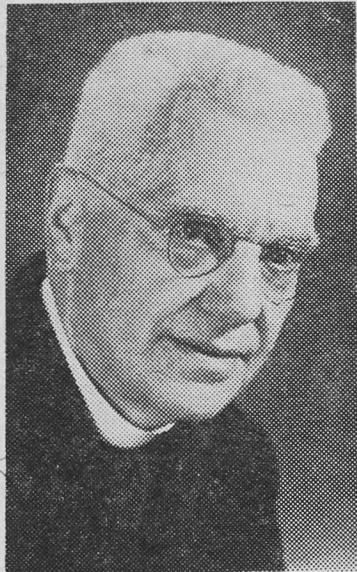
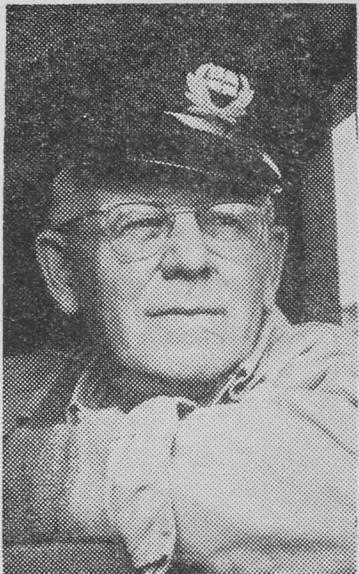
The Rev. William Bothwell

of St. Martin's in The Fields. Mr. Bothwell is a newcomer to the Lenten Preacher's Circuit in western Canada. However he is known generally through the publications of one of his sermons in a collection of sermons from Canada's more able younger preachers. He will conduct services from March 5th to March 9th.

These Men Will Help Edmonton Keep Lent this Year

Canon A. D. Greene

of the Columbia Coast Mission. Canon Greene, a well known figure in the Canadian Church will be at All Saint's from March 12th to March 16th. One of Canada's most colorful Parsons he operates the Mission ships which carry the Church's ministry to the isolated places along the west coast.



Father Palmer

—Canada's best known religious—will be conducting the services from March 19th to March 23rd. An outstanding and beloved Evangelist, Fr. Palmer is also one of the leaders on the Committee for Prayer Book revisions. He is presently on the staff of the Diocese of Algoma helping there with the Programme of Intensified Evangelism.



The Rt. Rev. Michael Coleman

who will conduct Noon Day Services at the Cathedral during Holy Week. Bishop of the Diocese of Qu'appelle he is a well known Missioner in Canada, the United States and England.

THE NEED FOR EVANGELISM

by The Rev. R. A. SAYER

THE FIRST NEED— BY THE CHURCH ITSELF

"Know Christ." "Make Him known." These five words, which appear on an attractive poster in every Anglican Church in Canada tell us what Evangelism is. If these words have made no impression upon us, then there is a crying need for Evangelism in our midst. Generally speaking, Evangelism is concerned to win for Christ those who are completely detached from the Church. But to-day we must bring that concern back into the Church, and evangelize ourselves before we attempt to convert others. The Church's task is still to win men for Christ by declaring His truth as it appears in His Gospel. But in order that we must first of all know and believe that truth ourselves before we can consider taking it to outsiders. The needs which the Gospel satisfies, while they are still near enough to us are not recognized by us. We must have the Christian faith presented to us in terms which make sense in this scientific age. Only when we have grasped the situation ourselves, will we be able to redouble our efforts to bring the Gospel home to others.

THE TRUE FUNCTION OF A PARISH —TO BE A HAPPY FAMILY IN CHRIST

The need for Evangelism lies in the first instance within ourselves, for few of us to-day would state emphatically that within our particular parish we "express a living, happy fellowship or family in the Body of Christ, both in its worship of God and in its witness to the world." We are not a living, happy fellowship in the Body of Christ. Most of us do not really know Christ. We are rather a more or less disjointed and far from united group of individuals, who gather more or less regularly in our churches at set hours to get what we can out of the services provided. If we would only face up to ourselves squarely and honestly, we would have to admit that the need for Evangelism lies with the great "I" first of all. Jesus prayed to the Father, "that they may be one, as we are." We are supposed to be one with Christ and the Father, by knowing Christ and through Him, the Father. If this is not the case in the Church to-day then we do need Evangelism. We need to come to know Christ.

The purpose of Evangelism is to make known and to spread the Evangel, the good news as it is recorded in the Gospel. The average parish to-day has become like a machine, the running of which is an end in itself. The work of a parish must be tested not so much in the efficiency of the machine as in the results that follow from it, and these

must be found in the fellowship of the community, the worthiness of the worship, and the spread of the Kingdom.

For too long now we have felt that Evangelism should be concerned with those outside the Church. To-day we must bring that concern back into the Church, and evangelize ourselves before we attempt to convert others. The Church's task is still to win men for Christ by declaring His truth as it appears in His Gospel. But in order that we must first of all know and believe that truth ourselves before we can consider taking it to outsiders. The needs which the Gospel satisfies, while they are still near enough to us are not recognized by us. We must have the Christian faith presented to us in terms which make sense in this scientific age. Only when we have grasped the situation ourselves, will we be able to redouble our efforts to bring the Gospel home to others.

The spread of the Kingdom of God is achieved by Evangelism. It grows slowly, by the turning or sinners, one by one, in repentance and trust to God. This is conversion. Our greatest need in the Church to-day is that each of us be reconverted turned about again to repentance and trust in God.

The English Archbishops said in 1918 that, "to evangelize is so to present Christ Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit, that men shall come to put their trust in God through Him; to accept Him as their Saviour, and to serve Him as their King in the fellowship of the Church."

It is clear then that the message of Evangelism is Christ and His Gospel. The Gospel is essentially a proclamation by God Himself. It is a message of good news apart from any response on our part. It is the offer of restoration to fellowship. It is a word spoken that even a child may understand. When we realize these simple facts we can begin to see what Evangelism is and our own need for it. We must respond to the love of God and then spread our knowledge of that love in all directions.

Evangelism is something that must be done in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our need will only be met in a spirit of prayer. "And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come." The Holy Spirit is the bridegroom; the Church is the bride. Together they invite us to "come" at every Baptism, Confirmation and celebration of Holy Communion. They invite us too, whenever the good news of the Gospel is preached, however imperfectly. Until we accept that invitation ourselves, we cannot invite others to share with us the joys of salvation.

We must see our need for Evangelism. This realization will secure for us, and through us for all men, the four things mentioned above by the Archbishops. Our great need is to change our faith in God from mere lip service into a blind trust; our acceptance of a Saviour from the statements of the creeds into a living reality; our service to a King from passivity into activity; our joining in fellowship from pettiness into a true love of our neighbours as ourselves. If we have not done this, then we do not know Christ, and can not make Him known to others. Once grasp the message and purpose of Evangelism and our own need will become real to us. And until that happens we cannot be truly called Christian.

Our greatest need to-day is to be won again for Christ. When this happens each parish will be a happy fellowship in the Body of Christ. In Ephesians we read that we are "members of His Body." St. Paul said, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." The need for Evangelism is the need for a re-awakening of this fact in the lives of each of us—that we are members in particular. Realize this, and seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near. Then we shall know Christ. Then we can make Him known. And He will see that all men are drawn unto Him; and all men will be living members in particular of His Body, the Church.

**Pray for the Work
of Evangelism
Daily at Meals**

Know Christ and make Him Known!



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THE WHOLE BIBLE PRINTED IN THE EVERYDAY LANGUAGE OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE, made 1955 an historic year for the Church in Japan. Please see page 7 for further information. Although most of Japan's population can read, this elderly woman (in picture) was illiterate. However, she obtained Gospels from a Japanese Colporteur so that her son could read her the story of Jesus.

CANADIAN CHURCH MISSIONARY *Bulletin*



Among the grandeur of British Columbia's mountain peaks the power and aluminum towns of Kemano and Kitimat grow. At Kemano, in picture, a fine little community Church has been built, in which the Rev. Graham Tucker of Kitimat takes services once a month. There are about fifty adults and a large community Sunday School.



In the well-organized parish of Kitimat there are now 350 Anglican adults on the parish list and 110 children in the Sunday School. The prospects are that the population of the town will double by 1958, bringing in a total of about 1,500 Anglicans.

"The terrific pace of the development here makes life interesting, stimulating and very materialistic", writes the Rev. Graham Tucker. "The Church has a big job to do." Mr. Tucker, who now works full time in the community, sees great opportunity for an industrial chaplain to take up the work in the Alcan Project which he has had to relinquish.

The left picture shows the new rectory occupied last November, the right hand picture, the beginning of the parish hall which upon completion will be used for services until the church is built. So a new parish grows on the frontier!

New Industrial Frontiers Call the Church

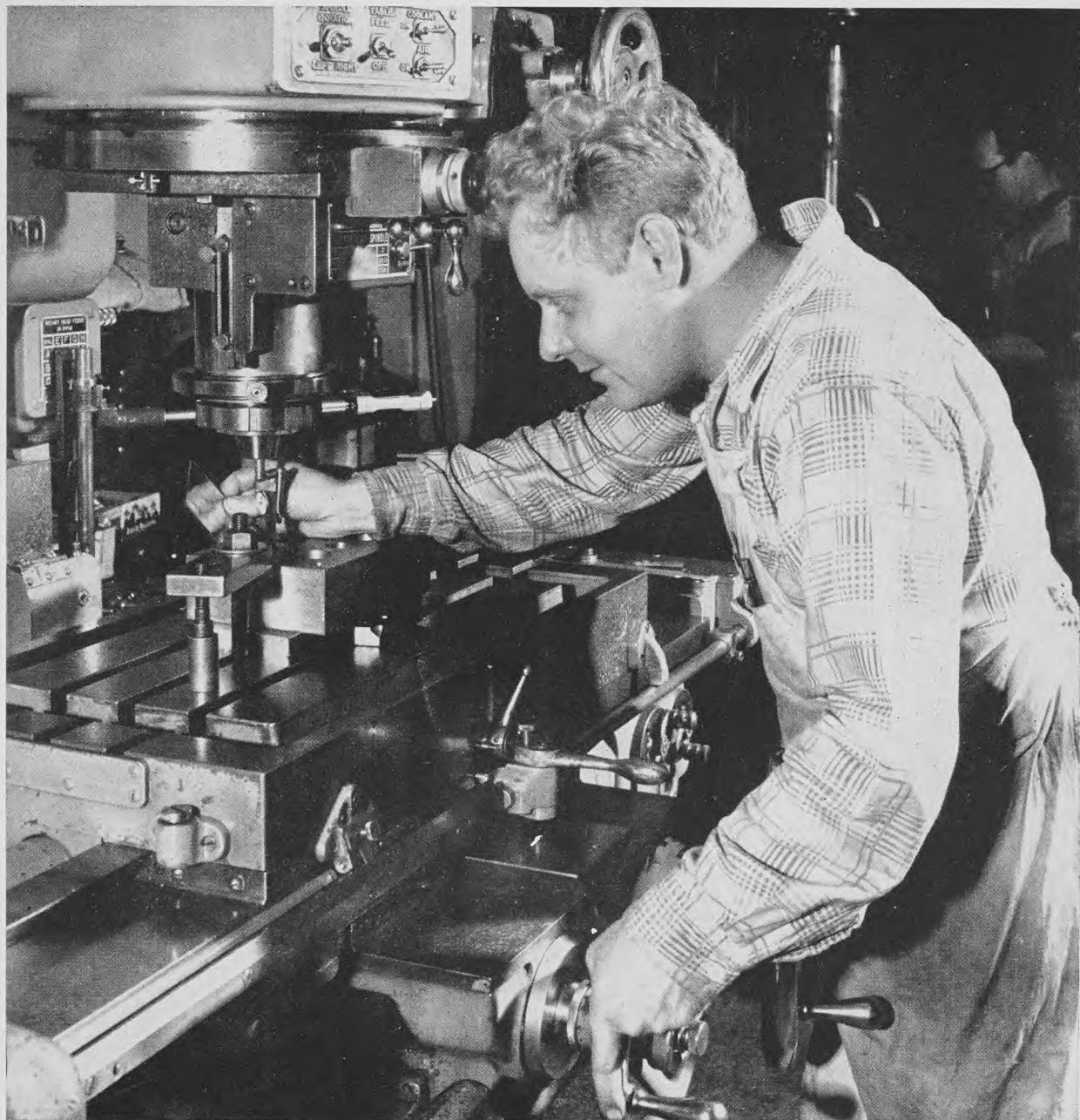
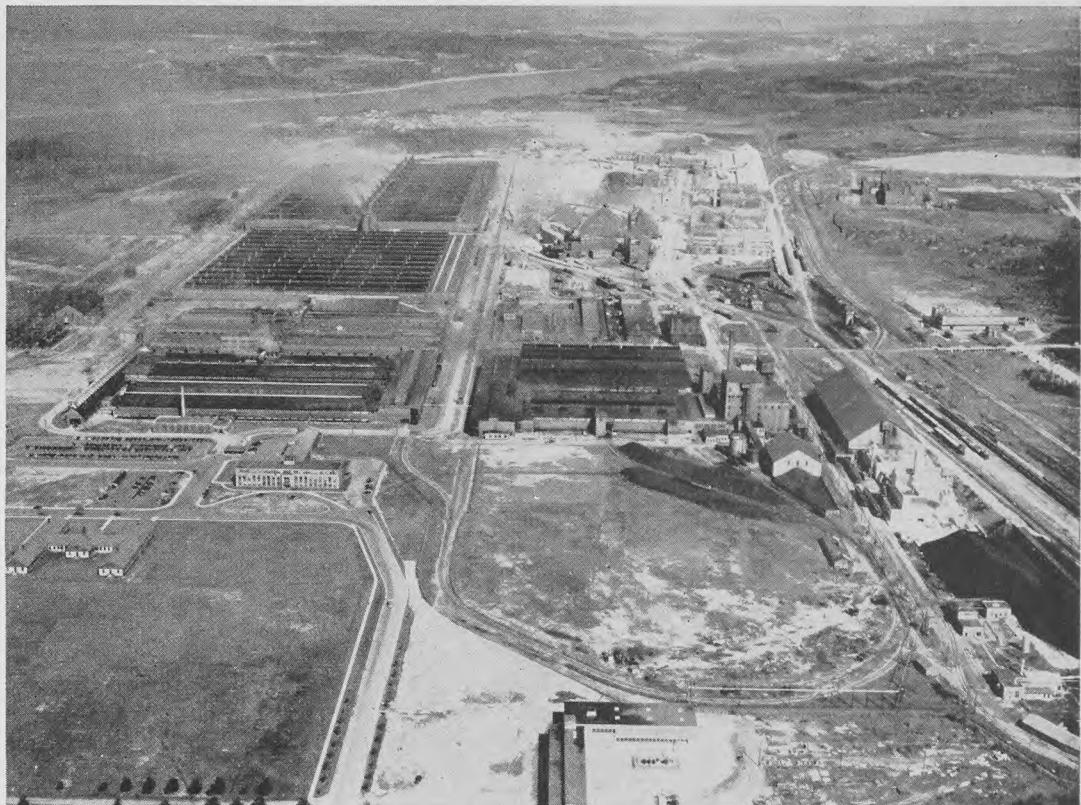


Photo by Harold M. Lambert.

THIS MAN NEEDS CHRIST

Men and women in industry, whether in our busy city factories or in the new developments on the frontiers, with their families, need the redemptive love and power of God in their lives. It is the Church's task to take that message to them!

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The Alcan Smelter at Arvida, Quebec, one of the largest of the industrial developments in that province. Others, just developing, mean the settlement of many families in new areas. The Church must follow them, if it is truly Christ's Church!

THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA also is confronted with new industrial developments across its entire area. Determined to become self-supporting, this diocese finds it a formidable task in view of the extension work required. Industries at six or eight points are causing such an influx of people that new parishes are being organized, and places of worship must be built. Five additional clergy will be needed and about a quarter of a million dollars, if the Church is to fulfil its mission.

These are just three of the Dioceses in the

Canadian Church, Algoma, Caledonia and Quebec, in which great industrial expansion calls for Church extension on a large scale. But not only in the new industrial areas is the Church needed, in the long established industries, too, the men and women need the special ministry of industrial chaplains.

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SUNDAY – Canada's New Frontiers

Let us give thanks for the opportunities before the Church to extend Christ's Kingdom on Canada's new industrial frontiers.

Let us pray that priests of our Church with the necessary vision and experience may undertake this special type of chaplaincy work for Christ and His Kingdom.

For God's rich blessing on the clergy already engaged in this frontier service.

MONDAY – Pakistan Floods

Let us give thanks for the selfless service of the Rev. Fred Peter, Miss Elsa Peter and the many others who have been doing relief work in the flood devastated areas of Pakistan.

Let us pray that Muslims of Pakistan may catch a glimpse of the love of Christ through the ministry of the Christian workers, and be drawn to Him.

That work on the Christian farmers' resettlement plan may continue in spite of flood conditions.

TUESDAY – China

Let us pray.

O Gracious Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy Holy Catholic Church in China. Send down upon its Bishops and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace. In their hour of darkness suffer not their trust in thee to fail. Grant them in all their doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldest have them do, that the Spirit of Wisdom may save them from all false choices, and that in thy light they may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; and that, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, they may be brought into the life of freedom and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

WEDNESDAY – Japan

Let us give thanks for the baptisms which have taken place in the Tokushima Deanery, Diocese of Kobe, where Miss Mabel Baggs, a C.M.S. missionary, is working with the Rev. Reg. Savary and Miss Shirley Fletcher of the Canadian Church.

For the new churches which have been built during the past year, for the leadership given by Christian laymen, for the promising rural work carried on by Mabel Baggs and Shirley Fletcher.

Let us pray for the Church in the Diocese of Kobe, especially in Tokushima Deanery.

That God our Father will provide for the rural work during the furloughs of Mabel Baggs and Shirley Fletcher in 1956.

THURSDAY – India

Let us give thanks for the fine contribution Canadian missionaries and Indian Christian leaders in the flood areas have made in the relief programme.

Let us pray that Canadian Anglicans, touched by the plight of the Indian people in the Diocese of Amritsar, may give generously for their relief.

That through this catastrophe God may make known His great love for the Indian people, drawing them into His Kingdom.

FRIDAY – The Bible Society

Let us give thanks for God's promise that His Word shall not return unto Him void, but accomplish His will.

For the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society and its auxiliaries in making available the Scriptures in more than eight hundred languages.

Let us pray that translators may be found for more of the many languages in which the Bible is not yet available.

SATURDAY – and for Daily Use

Let us pray for the Missionary Society of our Church, its workers at home and overseas and all its members throughout the Canadian Church.

Pour down thy blessing, we beseech thee, Almighty Father, on all thy servants who are seeking to extend thy kingdom; and so enable them by thy Spirit that by word and deed they may bear faithful witness to thee and accomplish thy holy will through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

INDIA FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL

Sixty per cent of the rural population in the Punjab, where our missionaries are at work, have lost homes, animals and food grain stocks. They need your help NOW! Give through your Church.

What would the Church do without the British and Foreign Bible Society



Photo courtesy Japan Bible Society

An historic gathering at the Bible House in Tokyo, April 1954, marks the publication of the New Testament in colloquial Japanese. In 1955 the complete Bible was published. Now ordinary people can read and understand the Bible, which is extremely important in Japan where the literacy rate is high. Even before this version the Bible was a best seller in Japan.

THE British and Foreign Bible Society has published the Scriptures in 202 languages for Anglican Missionary Societies. These languages are spoken in over fifty countries, on every continent and the islands of the seas. The Gospel of St. John in English and Mohawk for a tribe of Indians near Brantford, Ontario, prepared by Captain John Norton, an Anglican and Chief of the Six Nations Indians, was the first missionary translation

published by the Society after its foundation in 1804.

Of particular interest to Canada are the sixteen Indian and Eskimo dialects in which Anglican missionaries have been the chief, and often the only, translators. These men and their fellow workers wrote a great chapter in the history not only of the Anglican Church of Canada, but also of the Bible Society.



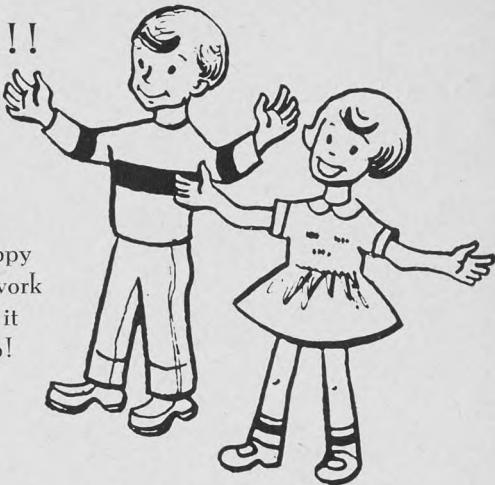
In many Sunday Schools of India the children learn to help the Society which has made it possible for them to have the Bible in their own tongue. When the Rev. W. Park Rankin, Secretary, Bombay Auxiliary, visited a Sunday School in Poona he received a bowl full of coins and notes from the children and their teachers.

BOYS AND GIRLS!!

Watch for the new LENTEN BOX!



It is this happy little Church, painted a cheery red. It is happy because it has an important work to do for the Lord Jesus. But, it cannot do it without your help!



INDIANS, ESKIMOS AND THE PEOPLE BY THE SEA

These are the topics for the Lenten Missionary Lessons and the Junior Competition for 1956. Ask your teacher about them! Ask your Sunday School Superintendent about the interesting projects for your Lenten Offering, for the Indians, Eskimos and the People by the Sea.

In 1955, the first year we tried these off-apportionment projects, about forty-five Sunday Schools across Canada each undertook a whole or part of one of the nine projects for India, which was the study. The total sent to Bishop Wilkinson of the Diocese of Amritsar in India was over \$3,000. He was delighted!

In 1956, the projects will all be in Canada, as above. We hope your Sunday School will be among those undertaking one of these projects — a two-way radio telephone, or a searchlight for the new ship "Rendezvous" of the Columbia Coast Mission; or helping to build a new ship for the missionary on the Coast of Labrador in the Diocese of Newfoundland; or helping to buy radios for the playrooms at two of our Indian Residential Schools; or New Testaments and Prayer Books in Eskimo for patients from the Far North hospitalized in Southern Canada. There are many other projects also.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSIONARY SERVICE

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Evangelism--Some Anglican Points of View for the Layman

by Walter Hammett.

THE CHURCH'S FIRST TASK

The essential aim of the Church's work is to help men to see the Lord—the surpassing majesty and shining beauty of the Living God in the face of Jesus. The Church must be such that a man can say with conviction, "NOW I KNOW"; for the yearning of men is yet, "Sirs, we would see Jesus."

INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL CONVICTION FIRST REQUIREMENT

Salvation is essentially individual. The first requirement is for personal conviction. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is for for the individual.

The prodigal son says,

"Father I have sinned"

The Phillipian Jailer,

"What must I do to be saved"

The blind man,

"Lord that I receive my sight"

The leper,

"Thou son of David, have mercy on me"

Thomas,

"Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, I will not believe"

Herein is comprehended man's need, his desire for forgiveness, for goodness, for physical healing, for cleansing, for reality, for the clearing away of doubt, for conviction which takes away fear, and sets his feet in the Way. To all these the Gospel is the answer. Jesus is the fulfillment of all his needs. As man comes face to face with Christ, as he appropriates Him to himself in that ecstasy of knowledge, certainty and love his cry is still that of the individual, "My Lord and my God."

It is when the penitent and committed Christian sees the Lord and his Kingdom—truly, that conversion leads to a radical change of mind, to wholeness of life, to a release of spiritual power. God is ready to give but it is only through loyalty to Him that we receive His gifts; that we become bold to say before all the world, Whom it is we believe, what He does, what He wills.

BUT THE CHRISTIAN MISSION IS TO ALL PEOPLE

But Salvation is not only for the individual, it is for the whole world,

as a world of families, groups and communities. Jesus took his message into the home, for example the homes of Peter of Lazarus, Matthew; into the synagogue, to faithful souls; and to the multitudes who crowded to him on the hillsides, by the lakes, on the roads and in the temple. He spoke to all men, the learned, the proud, the politician, the soldier, the cynic, the skeptic, and to the simple everyday person. His Good News is for everyone.

Christ is not bound by time or space. He did not die for one region or one community of men, nor did he die for the church. He died for the world, that is, for all men, and not only for penitent men or men with a sense of their own need but also for men obsessed with power and with a flagrant rebellion against God.

BEING A "CHRISTIAN" MEANS TO SHARE ACTIVELY IN THE CHURCH'S MISSION

To be a Christian is not just to be attached to Christ but to be "in Christ", that is, to be in His Church, as a living, active, worshipping and witnessing member. And the Church needs above all men and women who know what is choose Christ, to leap to do his bidding and to work for Him in that freedom which only His service can give.

LAY WITNESS ESSENTIAL TO EVANGELISM

The ministry of the laity is a prerequisite of effective evangelism. The life of faith may be more persuasive than the spoken word. The laity are in the world to witness to God before the world and their influence day by day in their several callings or in their public offices, will be a means of communicating the Gospel of salvation to others, if—in these callings they live as Christians, if—they show a Christian "style of life".

The Layman must witness that Jesus was concerned with the whole life, body, mind and spirit. The Gospel is for the wholeness of man in his human nature. Man sins, and he does not want to, for like Paul, he does those things he would

not. Sin is the hard core of the problem of evil. Our attitude to it must not be simply negative. Jesus recognised this problem but his approach was positive. He healed the sick, cast out devils, raised the dead, forgave sins. His salvation included the whole economy of man.

For Jesus is central for life and in control of it. He is closely interested in human affairs. He is a God near at hand. The world is still God's world, and God's care. Christ's Gospel is for Now, not just the hereafter. We need to know the world as well as the Gospel. Men and women who do not share the passion for social justice that reverberates through the Bible, or the tender mercy of the Saviour who redeems because he identifies himself with human need are not yet saved, however perfect their orthodoxy, or devout their piety.

Is it right to condemn the false ideology of Communism which draws its strength from the misery of mankind, but it ill becomes Christians and churchmen who profess faith in the Almighty Father, to remain blind and deaf to the misery of others and fail to do whatever we can do to establish justice among men and make human brotherhood a reality?

We have to bring men and money to the evangelistic task and we have to convert individuals and leave them in their places to act as leaven. But we cannot handle God's world unless we are God's men. God makes us redemptive as well as redeemed. What a sublime and wonderful privilege is here, to be partners with Christ in the redemption of the world. Let us then go about His business convicted, converted and committed men, knowing that we have behind us all the resources of our Blessed Lord, risen, ascended, glorified.

**Attend Noon Day Services
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Canon Davis Circles the Globe

(Canon A. H. Davis, Field Secretary of the M.S.C.C. is on tour of the Church's Mission Fields around the World. He goes to Japan about the middle of January.)

Advent Sunday 1955 will go down as a red letter day in the history of the congregation of St. John's Church in the Wilderness, Palampur, where I am visiting at the moment.

In March this year Mrs. C. R. H. Wilkinson laid the foundation stone for the reconstructed church which Bishop Wilkinson today consecrated in a colourful ceremony. The day began with a celebration of Holy Communion, which was preceded by the dedication of the new stone altar made out of some of the stones from the walls of the former church. The altar follows a simple design given to the old Hindu stone mason by the Rev. Thomas Dustan, Principal of St. Paul's School, Palampur. On the front of the altar the symbols of Alpha and Omega, and in the center is a representation of the Cross, indigenous to Christianity in India. Inscribed on the altar is the lotus flower—so common in India symbolism. The new chancel, chapel and vestry were consecrated at the eleven o'clock service, which commenced with a procession of the congregation choir and clergy around the exterior of the church singing in Punjabi words and tune Psalm 122 "I was glad when they said unto me".

Following the prayers of dedication in the church, the Bishop and clergy proceeded to the chapel on the Gospel side of the sanctuary. In this chapel the former Holy Table has been kept in use. Incorporated into the floor are some tiles from the original sanctuary floor. These are all that remain from the first St. John's Church, Palampur, which was entirely destroyed in the great earthquake of 1905.

In the new sanctuary floor are tiles which have been brought from the old Cantonment Church at a place called Dalhousie in the Diocese which is in the process of being demolished.

Assisting the Bishop in the service were the Rev. R. Justin who is Priest in charge of St. John's Church, Palampur, and the Rev. Thomas Dustan who acted as Bishop's Chaplain, and the Rev. Eldon Davis. Seated in the sanctuary were the Rev. Barakat Ullah, one of the veteran priests of the Diocese who works faith-

fully among the Criminal Tribes people of the Kangra Valley and who has been at Palampur for the last forty years; and the Rev. George Harish a former parish priest of Palampur.

It was a distinct privilege for me to be able to bring the greetings and congratulations of the Canadian Church to a large congregation who filled their fine building, which is in every way a credit to them. I told them how pleased the Canadian Church people would be to hear that the members of the congregation are raising in cash over 8000 rupees which represents two-thirds of the cost of the building.

The boys of St. Paul's School, Palampur, have given countless hours of voluntary labour in the building project and the bricks used in the construction were purchased from the men of the Kangra Village Industries—a small project being undertaken under the supervision of the Rev. Eldon Davis, which is aimed at providing vocational training for some of the local Christian men.

All the work has been under the aegis of the local Church Council, which is presided over by the Indian pastor, the Rev. R. Justin, and which finds missionaries and local members of the congregation working side by side for the upbuilding of pastoral life in the young church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon. One of the church members, Mr. D. W. David, acted as the overseer of construction for the project. The members of the W.A. under the presidency of Mrs. Parkash Samuels, who was recently in Canada with her husband, made the kneeling cushions and other pieces of embroidery work which adorned the lovely church building. Miss Maxine McGregor presided at the organ for the service and helped to train the choir who sang all the musical parts of the Communion Office.

Among those attending the service were Dr. Constance Jackson and Miss Marianne Nattress, who motored from Kangra, a distance of some twenty-five miles.

After the service the entire congregation assembled for lunch in the Geoffrey Guiton Memorial Hall. The lunch was prepared and served by the men of the congregation according to Indian custom.

CANVASS QUOTES

By Canon T. W. Teape
Diocesan Commissioner

A few more reports of successful canvasses have come to our notice. Five Landonville visitors went out and made twenty calls. This is a fine example and we hope it will be followed up by many parishes, especially Clandonald and Irwinville. Of course, it can be said that every time you go to church in one of those points you see everybody. The answer is that a Canvass (a) is bound to find people in the community who do not come to church and need encouragement to do so; and (b) the sight of other people doing a good job is a grand stimulus to parishes who are sitting on the sidelines. The Vicar of Edson records a useful canvass, six visitors making eighty-three calls. His comment on the value of the visits is interesting: "Generally speaking, good. We note the cumulative effect of several years of visits leading to a number of people

taking envelopes for the first time." St. Faith's made 230 visits with a six to eight per cent increase of subscribers. The ideal thing is to have 20% of the parish roll acting as visitors. The Church of the Good Shepherd, Calder, almost achieved this and when 18 visitors paid calls on 95 families. Their net increase was 30%. Devon and Leduc, St. Mark's in the City, and Westlock all had creditable canvasses. So did Mannville with 40 visits and a 25% increase in subscribers.

Follow-up.

This is one of the most important elements of a Visitation and Canvass. We can think of six variations on this theme right "off the bat". (1) There is that pleasant little get-together at someone's home on the night (or nights) of the Canvass. We remember a week ago

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DIOCESAN NEWS



Camrose Appointment Announced

The Bishop has announced that the Rev. A. G. Hooper will move to Camrose to become the Rector of St. Andrew's Parish. He takes the place left by the Rev. E. M. Evans, who recently accepted an appointment to St. James' Parish, Vancouver. Camrose, a thriving urban center, is the only other city in the Diocese of Edmonton outside of Edmonton.

Mr. Hooper will take up his new post at the end of February. For the past two and a half years he has been Vicar of Onoway and associated parishes in the Denery of Pembina. Prior to that he was at St. Saviour's Mission with headquarters at Fort Saskatchewan. He was ordained Deacon in All Saints' Cathedral in 1951 and priested by Archbishop Barfoot in Toronto in May of 1952, prior to coming to the Diocese.

Mr. Heron Returns from England Locum Tenens at Winfield

It has been learned from reliable sources at the Synod Office that vacancy at Winfield will be filled in the near future. The Rev. Alex Heron, recently returned from a year's leave of absence in England, will be conducting services in Winfield and the Mission of St. Olaf for the next three months. This make possible a continued ministry in that part of the Diocese. He takes over from the Rev. J. G. Gibbons, who was inducted into All Saints' Parish, Athabasca in January.

Move, Moves, More Moves

With so many clergy on their way into the Diocese and a few on their way out, it seems only in keeping that restlessness should take over the Synod Office as well. Plans are under way to move the establishment again. Back it will go to All Saints' Cathedral this time to be tucked into commodious (temporary) quarters in the Parish Hall. Where it will stay until the Cathedral takes up their second building phase of building—a new parish Hall on the site of the present crypt, (now in use). Then indeed, the Diocese will have a Cathedral to be proud of. But, when that happens what

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about the Synod office? That's anybody's guess!

A more noteworthy change will take place at the Synod Office at about the same time the staff takes up their new quarters. It will find itself in the Parish Hall without its stand-by the Ven. S. F. Tackabarry who retires from his duties at the end of March. It is more than likely that his place will be taken by the Rev. Canon T. W. Teape, at present Diocesan Commissioner.

Lenten Noon Day Services to be Conducted by Starry Array of Clergy

The Dean has announced the plans of the Committee on Lenten Noon Day Services. As in the past two years, Lent will be opened in the Diocese by the Bishop, who will conduct the services from Ash Wednesday (February 15), until February 17. Following him will come, the Rt. Rev. P. R. Beattie, of Kootenay, the Rt. Rev. E. S. Reed of Ottawa, the Rev. Wm. Bothwell of Toronto, Canon A. D. Greene of the Columbia

Coast Mission, Fr. Palmer S.S.J.E., presently of the Diocese of Algoma. Holy Week Services will be conducted by none other than the Rt. Rev. Michael Coleman, Bishop of Qu'Appelle Diocese.

The services will be held at a slightly different time this year for the convenience of those with a shorter lunch hour. They will begin at 12:15 and end at 12:35, running Monday through Friday. Preparations for the Synod Office in the Parish Hall mean that it will be impossible for lunch to be served after the service. Publicity for the services will include the use of radio and TV where possible, pocket cards with the schedule of services on them and posters in the Edmonton Buses.

Dean's Life Threatened.

Pre-occupied during the singing of the responses at Matins on Christmas morning, an uncanny feeling came over the Dean that something sinister was about to happen. In a moment, he knew the reason, for a long shot-gun was being pointed at his head by someone in the congregation. Deciding to remain quiet and calm, lest there be a panic in the Cathedral, the dean ignored the attempt on his life. Becoming curious half a minute later, he again looked in the direction of his assailant, only to find that he was a small boy to whom Santa Claus had given a jumbo-sized toy shot-gun that morning, and who had brought it to Church and was practicing his aim by drawing a bead on the Dean. The Dean resumed his respirations, and Matins continued without any interruption.

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New Life Members;

Mrs. Constance Maggs—Wetaskiwin A.
Mrs. R. Burns—St. Mary's, Edmonton.

Dorcas Dept.

Mrs. Davis reports that the Rev. E. A. Godwin and two daughters, Joan and Margaret, were visitors at St. Faith's Afternoon Branch on Nov. 23rd. Mr. Godwin gave a very interesting talk on their work at St. John's School, Wabasca and promised to send coloured slides of the school and surrounding to be shown at a future board meeting. He was particularly appreciative of the splendid bales supplied by the W.A.'s of this Diocese and said that the gifts sent to the staff and children added greatly to their Christmas festivities.

Christmas Cheer went to Frog Lake and Little Pines Reserve this year and was greatly appreciated, as always.

Requisition sheets have been sent to 53 out-of-town branches and to 31 city branches. Will all Dorcas Secretaries be sure to mark sizes on all garments sent in for the bales?

Any further information concerning Dorcas work may be obtained by writing to Mrs. H. Davis, 10933-83rd St. Phone 27083.

Treasurer;

Mrs. Harris reports that as we go to press some pledges are still outstanding. Please remit immediately as our Treasurer's report must be sent to the Dominion Board without delay.

Education Dept.

The slides on the Study Book are here, will all educational secretaries desirous of using them, please contact Mrs. L. D. Moore, 10403-139th St. Phone 85859, at once as the slides must be returned to the Dominion Board by March 15?

Living Message;

Mrs. F. Varlow, 6403-110th St. Phone 37481, wishes that all branches which have not yet sent in Living Message subscriptions for 1956 would do so at once.

Hospital Visiting;

The Diocesan Hospital visiting committee under the convenership of Mrs. P. A. Fairbrother, 11337-96th St. Phone 71319, is made up of W.A. members from the city branches who give one hour each week in which to visit out-of-town Anglican patients in the various city hospitals. Because the time allotted to them is so short and the number of visitors too few, these ladies are only able to visit in the Women's wards. They try to call on all out-of-town women patients regularly and are eager to do anything possible to help them. If they receive a special request they will call on city patients or out-of-town men, and they are looking forward to the day when enough W.A. members will join the visiting committee so that they will be able to call on all Anglicans.

The committee has started a Hospital Fund to which donations would be most welcome. This fund will enable the visitors to take treats, such as candy, fruit, biscuits, etc. to chronic and other patients each week.

They now have a visitor within one hospital, she is a wheelchair patient, who makes the rounds each week with the regular visitors.

Please keep this wonderful work in mind—if you can give some time, then join the visitors—if not, perhaps you might be able to help build up the Hospital Fund—and above all, if you know of a hospital patient in hospital do send the name to the convenor of this committee and she will see that a visitor calls.

President's Notices;

We have been advised of a visit from Miss Frances Howard to this Diocese and the tentative date is February 25th to the 29th. Miss Howard is home on furlough from Sierra Leone, West Africa, and will doubtless have much interesting information to impart.

Watch for further notice of her visit and make a special effort that all members of your group may attend the meetings arranged for her. This is an opportunity to meet one of our own Missionaries that you help to sent to spread the Gospel to every creature.

Highlights of Evening Board Meeting—

St. Mark's—January 13th.

The treasurer told the meeting that the Dominion Board had requested an increase of \$260.00 in United Pledge from this Diocese for the coming year. The following had received financial support from our W.A. India Flood Relief Theological Students; Frog Lake Church Furnishings; and St. John's House.

The Dorcas secretary had the material on hand for the school dresses for St. John's, Wabasca.

Miss Beeby, convener of the committee, appointed for the revision of the members' prayer, submitted a new prayer which received the unanimous support of the meeting. (See copy at the beginning of this page.)

The Social Service Department urgently needs good used clothing for adults and children.

The tentative date for the Diocesan Annual Meeting is April 10, 11 and 12, 1956.

His Lordship, Bishop H. H. Clark, spoke on the Revised Prayer Book, explaining the need for revision and the steps by which the various committees had reached the edition submitted to the General Synod of 1955. A cordial vote of thanks was extended to the Bishop for his time and painstaking presentation.

Christmas greetings were received from Mrs. Horace Reid at present in Kenya Colony, Africa. Also a Christmas letter was received from Miss Jessie Miller, Continued on page 15



NEWS FOR YOUTH



This month I would like to tell you of another phase of G.A. or J.A. life—the G.A. Guides or the J.A. Brownies.

The W.A. is affiliated with the Canadian Girl Guides Association, and this affiliation has proved to be a great advantage to both organizations. In consequence of this affiliation, G.A. Guides and J.A. Brownies are recognized by both organizations.

The program and organization of these groups are the same as that of open Girl Guide Companies and Packs. Modifications (such as the following) are made so that the G.A. work may be inserted.

1. Membership—Usually Anglican girls, but others are admitted if they are prepared to enter into the G.A. activities of the Company.
2. G.A. Projects—These are worked into the ordinary program of the Guides or Brownies.

Examples:

- (a) The G.A. Prayer should be used with the opening or closing.
 - (b) Funds raised for missionary work may come under the heading of the Company Good Turn.
 - (c) Study book or other missionary stories may be told at the campfire.
 - (d) The Rector should prepare the girls for their Religion and Life Emblem.
 - (e) Members may earn the G.A. Badges as well as the Guide Emblems.
3. G.A. Festivals—The Girl Guide Companies should enter the G.A. festivals and the extra work for these could be well used in earning various Girl Guide proficiency badges.
4. Uniform—The G.A. Guides and the J.A. Brownies wear the Guide or Brownie uniform with the G.A. or J.A. pin in the centre of the right pocket flap just above the button.

Advantages of Having G.A. Guide or J.A. Brownie Packs:

1. G.A. Guide Companies provide a practical means of linking Guides with Church Life, thereby helping them to fulfil the first Guide Promise.



Mrs. Jean Shirlaw
(W.A. Youth Worker)

2. Such a company is a saving in time and effort. Girls of today have many interests and they find it difficult to fit in all the activities in which they would like to participate.

The Gamma Alpha Sorority is an organization for all girls 16 years or more who are or have been affiliated with the G.A. They keep in contact with present G.A. work and at their meetings, follow some form of Leadership Training or other Educational these.

The Sorority elected its executive for 1956. They are as follows:

President, Tory Whyte, St. Faith's; Vice-pres., Margaret Burns, E. Mary's; Secretary, Eleanor Wade, All Saint's; Treasurer, Maxine Carey, St. Paul's; Program Director, Gwen Skorienko, St. Faith's; Chaplain, Jean Shirlaw, St. Luke's; Page, Caroline Motkosky, St. Faith's.

The members have planned a coffee party for February in order that those who come may become acquainted with the group.

WOMEN'S PAGE

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Gifu, Japan, who stated that she hoped to be in the new missionary house by March. She sent renewed thanks for the generous gifts from this Diocese to the "Way of Light" Kindergarten and St. Paul's Church.

"Be thankful for the task too great for you,

The plan that seems too large for you alone,

The need demanding better than you best
Which draws you humbly to the Father's throne.

For there the finite meets the Infinite,
And human limitations melt away;
God's great reserve of kindling
conquering power
Is ours to draw from for the hardest day."

Social Work in the Community

A series of ten evening discussions on modern social work—what it is and what it does.

Commencing Tuesday evening, January 31st, in the Arts Building of the University of Alberta and continuing each Tuesday evening for ten weeks, this course is highly recommended for the women of our Anglican Faith.

Even if the first lecture has already been given when this notice reaches you and your group, there will still be time for you to take this rare opportunity to encourage at least one of your members to attend, and perhaps even to sponsor her.

In the December Living Message you will find a re-print of the address given by Mrs. Mary E. Bayer of Winnipeg on "The Community and the Church" at the Dominion Annual of 1955. This address was favorably received by the delegates who requested that it be printed in the Living Message that all might read it.

As W.A. members we are all part of the Community in which we live. Let us all be alive as Christians to the problems facing many of our neighbors and their solution by the application of Christian Social Service. The fee for the course is \$10.00.

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AL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL

Very Reverend J. Grant Sparling
Canon T. W. Teape
The Reverend Enoch Fowler

January is the month of Annual Meetings and election of officers. At time of writing, the Afternoon Branch of the W.A. have met and elected the following to executive positions: President, Mrs. R. J. Horne; 1st Vice-president, Mrs. J. M. Primeau; 2nd Vice-president, Mrs. Elmyr Stutchbury; Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. L. Lister; Treasurer, Mrs. C. J. D. Baines.

A chapter of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen was organized recently, when at a supper meeting, with the Reverend Arthur Hough as speaker, the following officers were elected: President, Richard Trudell; First Vice-president, Roger Wilson; Secretary, E. V. Butler; Treasurer, Alistair Dunbar. This organization is off to a good start and will continue to meet monthly.

On New Years' Day, the Bishop preached at Matins and delivered his new years' message which was broadcast.

Each day shows further progress with the new Cathedral. People are invited to inspect it any week day during working hours and on some Sundays after the 11:00 o'clock service.

The monthly Open Forums are being held with much interest being shown. The January Forum dealt with "How about the Bible today"?

From time to time, the Dean is being requested to have service of blessing on new homes when the people move into them.

The Bishop held his third public lecture on Church History on January 23rd. His subject was "How the Church almost died."

The Business Girls' Branch of the W.A. reported a very successful year and have elected the following as their executive officers for 1956. President, Joyce Cole; Vice-president, Dorothy Watson; Secretary, Lily Lakusta; Treasurer, Josephine Penam.

HOLY TRINITY

(Corner 101 St. and 84 Ave.)
Canon W. M. Nainby
The Rev. W. Alan Swinton

Most of our organizations have already held their annual meetings and elected their officers for the New Year. The annual Congregational Meeting is to be held on Jan. 25th and a booklet has been prepared containing the reports of all organizations. Altogether we can look back with much thankfulness to the progress of the year which has just past, and look forward with confidence to the year before us.

Parish Guild—The annual meeting was held at the Rectory. Mrs. C. B. Rich was

re-elected President. The February meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. Stephen.

Woman's Auxiliary—Mrs. L. M. Roberts was chosen President at the annual meeting. A Service of installation of officers was held on Jan. 24th. The W.A. plan; to cater to the annual Choir Banquet.

Women's Fellowship—Mrs. J. A. Stott was re-elected President for the coming year. During Lent when the meeting night coincides with the mid-week Lenten Service the members attend the Service and, later, hold the regular meeting. We are grateful to the Women's Fellowship for again volunteering the provide refreshments for the annual meeting of the Congregation.

Garneau Group—Mrs. B. A. Ellis is the new President. The annual Bridge and Whist Drive has been arranged for Feb. 10th. and a large turn-out is expected.

Strathearn Group—Mrs. C. S. Fletcher was elected President for 1956. The Group plans several events during the year and hopes to be able to provide a new curtain for the stage in the Church Hall.

Business Girls—Miss Effie Cuthbertson was chosen President. Arrangements have been made for the annual Pancake Supper—this year on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 14th.

Men's Club—The Club enjoyed a fine discussion regarding the function of a Church Club for men. Mr. Eric Boon was chosen President and already the first Executive meeting has been held to plan for the future. The Club will attend the Business Girls' Pancake Supper before holding their own programme and meeting on Feb. 14th. Mr. A. F. Moir has been invited to address the Club. The Vestry will also meet on the same evening following the Club meeting.

Choir—at the annual meeting Mr. W. Hague was re-elected President. The annual banquet and dance is to be held this year in our own Parish Hall on Thursday, Feb. 9th when Choir members and friends are invited.

Mother's Union—This was not the year for elections, and Mrs. D. Kavanagh continues as Enrolling Member for the Senior Group and Mrs. J. Hodgson as Leader of the Junior Group. Both groups help in the running of the Nursery each Sunday morning.

A.Y.P.A.—The A.Y. continues to have a busy programme of games, bowling and Sunday evening Fireside Hours. The group was entertained at the home of the Rev. W. A. Swinton and also at the Rectory during January. The Alberta Alcoholic Foundation also provided a Speaker and a film on a recent Sunday evening. Corporate Communion is held each month on the second Sunday. The A.Y. expect to entertain the I.Y.P.U. groups shortly.

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Lent—Regular Lenten Services will be held each Wednesday evening of the Lenten Season at 8 p.m., and the Choir have been asked to lead the singing as in former years.

Confirmation — Confirmation Classes for Adults and for Students are now meeting regularly. The Adult Class meets after Evensong in the Chapel on Sundays. The Junior Class meets in the Vestry each Monday at 7 p.m. Any who are desirous of being confirmed this Spring should attend the Classes at the very first opportunity.

ST MICHAEL'S

The Ven Archdeacon S. F. Tackaberry

St. Michael's was happy to honor Mr. Stanley Noble when he was made Lay Reader of the parish at a recent service. Unofficially Mr. Noble has served most acceptably over a considerable period.

Miss Margaret Currey was presented with an Honor Ring by the St. Michael's branch G.A. in recognition of long and capable service as member and leader.

Sunday School now opens at 10.45 a.m. when it hears the Sunday School of the Air broadcast a dramatized version of the lesson for the day. The teachers take over immediately afterward. The vestry has provided a combination radio for this and other purposes.

The Church Boys League is off to a promising start under the leadership of Mr. Al. O'How and Mr. Charles Finch. They meet at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesdays. The membership is sixteen at present. There is room for a few more.

The Annual Meeting of the afternoon branch W.A. revealed a worthwhile amount of work accomplished and a surprising amount of money earned. A feature of the programme has been the educational meetings.

The new officers are: Hon. President, Mrs. Mitchell; Hon. Vice-president, Mesdames Philips, Bennett, Dando; President, Mrs. J. Young; Vice-president, Mrs. N. Sklar; Sec., Mrs. A. Bruce; Treas., Mrs. H. Currey; Little Helpers, Mrs. A. Weaver; Junior Leader, Mrs. S. Olander; G. A. Leader, Miss M. Currey and Mrs. A. Weaver; Dorcas, Mrs. R. Holeton; Prayer Partner, Mrs. F. Scott; Sick, Mrs. H. Currey; U.T.O. and D.T.O., Mrs. O. Byers.

ST. MARK'S

(111 Street—108 Avenue)

Rev. G. W. Wilson

At the first Vestry meeting of the New Year it was decided the Annual Parish Meeting would be held the latter part of January.

The Cub Pack has at last got a leader in the person of Mr. R. Decker, assisted by Mr. A. Ripley.

The Evening Group held their meeting early in January as a combined business and social evening, held in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Wilson. The retiring President Mrs. J. Taylor, Mrs. Wilson and the Rev. Wilson thanked everyone in the

group for their wonderful co-operation during the past year.

The officers for 1956 are as follows: Honorary Pres. Mrs. G. W. Wilson; Pres. Mrs. L. Green; Vice-pres., Mrs. R. Palmer; Secretary, Mrs. R. Peel; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Bull; Dorcas Sect., Mrs. E. Skogg; Little Helpers, Mrs. F. Keller; Educational Sect., Mrs. L. Westgate.

The Diocesan Board meeting was held January 13 in the Hall. Tea and cookies were served by the ladies of both W.A. groups.

ST. LUKE'S

Canon A. Wallis

Christmas has come and gone but the glory and beauty of the Christmas services still remain with us in our hearts. The Nine Lessons and Carol Service on Sunday evening December 18th included two Anthems "Let us now go the Bethlehem" and "When God came a-visiting". The Midnight Service on Christmas Eve was very well attended, as were the services at 9, 11 and 12 o'clock on Christmas Day. We were greatly concerned as Canon Wallis conducted all these services while suffering a bout of shingles and St. Luke's parishioners are indebted to Canon T. W. Teape who officiated at the Morning Services on January 1st and 8th and Mr. Ron McClung Services on these two Sundays. We sincerely pray that it will not be too long before Canon Wallis is restored to good health.

The severe cold weather hampered the Sunday School Party; this was a double disappointment because the Summer picnic was spoilt by rain.

The cold weather also postponed the Annual Meeting of the Afternoon Group of the W.A. until January 12th, when this group closed their books for a very successful year in 1955. Officers elected for 1956 include: Mrs. W. Campbell, President; Mrs. W. H. Barker, Vice-president; Mrs. N. Lobb, Treasurer; Mrs. G. Whittingback, Secretary; Mrs. B. Scott, Dorcas; Mrs. A. Wallis, Educational Secretary; Mrs. E. Smith, E.C.D. and U.T.O.; Mrs. L. Scott, Hospital visiting; Prayer Partner, Mrs. W. H. Coghill; Flower Fund, Mrs. F. Cloes; Hon. Pres., Mrs. A. Blitch snr; Hon. Vice-pres. Mrs. L. Noland.

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The Evening Group held their Annual Meeting on January 9th. Reports showed that much had been accomplished by this group through 1955. Officers elected for 1956: President, Mrs. R. McClung; Vice-pres., Mrs. R. Johnston; Secretary, Mrs. J. Manson; Treasurer and Educational Secretary, Miss F. Beeby; E.C.D. and U.T.O., Mrs. O. Sorenson; Dorcas, Mrs. A. Hogg; Prayer Partner, Mrs. Gower; Living Message, Mrs. Kennedy; Flower Fund, Mrs. Cox; Little Helpers, Mrs. R. Johnston; Juniors, Mrs. D. Murray; Press Reporter, Mrs. Bishop.

The Choir have been meeting for practices on Wednesday but have now returned to Thursday at 8 o'clock.

Sunday School classes resumed on Sunday, January 8th and there is a great need for more teachers.

Who would believe that we have two expert chefs in our midst. Proof is in the eating and the Men's Club did full justice to the turkey dinner cooked by Mr. Russ Clifford and his assistant Bill Riddle. Following the dinner meeting, January 11th, the Chairman, Mr. "Shad" Shatford showed a wonderful colored picture on the work of Moral Re-armament picturing the progress made in Africa.

The Sympathy of the Parish is extended to the Walters Family in their sudden loss of husband and father. Mr. Arthur Walters was laid to rest on Friday, January 13th. Canon A. Wallis officiated with Canon W. M. Nainby assisting. It can be said of Mr. Walters that he was "near God's heart in his garden", and on numerous occasions flowers from his garden decorated the altar in our Church.

Sympathy is also extended to Mrs. Aldam in the loss of her husband on New Year's Day. Mr. and Mrs. Aldam were old time residents of St. Luke's Parish and showed great interest and activity in the social work of the Parish, ever ready and pleased to help. The funeral was conducted by the Ven. C. F. A. Clough, who in the early days was Vicar at St. Luke's. "Jim" will be missed by a large circle of friends, who held in great esteem and respect. During his long illness, his wife attended him with unfailing devotion.

Baptisms — December 18th — Robert Eric Smith. December 26th — Leslie Alfred Trendall. Johnny Michael Blinston.

Marriages — December 24th — Brian James Hurst and Maureen Lydia Windus.

Burial — January 13th — Arthur Walters.

ST MARY'S

W.A. (Afternoon Group) — In place of the usual business meeting the afternoon Group of the W.A. held a Christmas party last December, and in spite of a blizzard an excellent attendance was recorded.

Everyone joined in the singing of Carols and several game contests were played. Mrs. R. Evans who has moved to the South Side was made a presentation by the President, after which tea was served.

ST. STEPHEN'S

The Rev. Canon C. E. F. Wolff

Christmas 1955 has now passed into history. Once again we were able, through the courtesy of Radio Station CKUA, to have our Solemn Midnight Mass broadcasted.

As a prelude to the Christmas Festival we held a special Advent service on December 11th when a service, compiled by the Rector from the Great Advent Antiphons, the Holy Scriptures, the Sarum Office Book and the Hymn Book, with the music arranged by Mr. A. C. Ballantine, was held. How glorious it was to hear plainsong sung so well. When plainsong is sung as well as this the choir give a "retort courteous" to those who think that the ancient ritual music of the church is flat and colourless.

On the fourth Sunday in Advent the well known service, "The Festival of the Nine Carols" was rendered. This service was offered for the first time in Edmonton in our parish church many years ago and has become part of our traditional observances at the Christmas season. The service was repeated on the evening of New Year's Day with a different set of carols and with the assistance of eight laymen in the reading of the lessons.

The Rector would like to place on record his deep appreciation of the work of the organist, choir, servers, and all who assisted in decorating the church and thus helped to provide us with such a beautiful memory of Christmas 1955.

The Altar Guild — The Guild held their annual meeting on January 4th.

Following a corporate Communion they were entertained at luncheon in the Rectory. At the meeting which followed the following were elected officers for 1956: President, Mrs. P. S. Cooper; Vice-President, Mrs. L. D. Byrne; Secretary, Mrs. M. T. Hirst; Treas., Mrs. T. F. Swallow.

The W.A. — The Afternoon Branch of the W.A. held its annual meeting in the Rectory on Tuesday January 10th. Following the giving of reports showing that a very good year had been experienced, the following were elected officers for 1956: Hon. President, Mrs. C. E. F. Wolff; President, Mrs. G. N. Speer; Vice-President, Not elected; Sec.-Treasurer, Mrs. G. Shropshire; Dorcas, Mrs. J. Cairns; Little Helpers, Mrs. G. Ouimet; Living Message and U.T.O., Mrs. R. J. Paice.

The Evening Branch of the W.A. held its annual meeting in the Rectory on the same day. Following the giving of reports showing a most successful year, the following were elected officers for 1956: Hon. President, Mrs. C. E. F. Wolff; President, Mrs. M. T. Hirst; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. I. Gardener; Dorcas, Mrs. N. Keglovic; Educational, Mrs. C. D. Woodhead; U.T.O., D.T.O., etc., Mrs. S. Rampling.

By the time these notes appear we shall be very close to Lent. Will you, therefore, please note the services for Ash Wednesday:

7 a.m. Blessing and imposition of the Ashes, and Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
8 p.m. Evensong and Sermon:
The Bishop of Edmonton.

ST. BARNABAS, JASPER PLACE

Canon J. C. Matthews

The Annual Meeting — the first for St. Barnabas — was held on January 11th. Mr. Beens was elected People's Warden and Mr. Hart Strain was appointed Vicar's Warden.

For the Vestry: Mesrs Carnwell, A. Barns, Hutchison, Etherington, Dearden, Wiggins, Stan. Williams and Mrs. Ralston, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Minter.

Lay-Delegate to Synod: Mr. Hart Strain, Lay-Delegate Substitute: Mr. R. Wiggins. Vestry Clerk: Mr. Cornwell. Envelope Sec.: Mr. Dearden. Auditor: Mr. Cornwell.

For the Magazine Committee: Mrs. Williams, Mr. Wiggins, Miss Carol Strain and Miss Viola Ralston.

Mr. A. Barns was re-appointed as convenor for the committee in charge of the plans for moving St. Faith's Church to Jasper Place.

Excellent reports were read on the work of the W.A., Sunday Schools at St. Barnabas and the James Gibbons school, the Little Helpers, the A.Y.P.A.

Votes of thanks were given to the Choir and specially to Mrs. Hutchison, to the W.A., the Churchwardens and Vestry and those who had taken part in Annual Every Member Canvass.

The Vicar reported 28 Baptisms during 1955—12 Confirmed, 6 Funerals.

The Parish List contained more than 200 names with a record of 50 communicants.

During the year a number of articles have been made and given to St. Barnabas—a beautifully made Lectern from Mr. Beens—A Faldstool Hymn Board and large Cross for the outside of the church, by Mr. Wiggins—A Communion Rail, by Mr. A. Barnes.

A good deal of work has been done voluntarily by members of the Vestry on the church building—especially the putting up of eaves troughs and excavation for the door into the basement. An Esty organ has been purchased with help of a donation from the Diocesan W.A. Altogether a good year with much to be thankful for.

ST. PAUL'S

The Rev. F. E. Smith

After having a record attendance of 374 for Christmas Day services and with the closing of the year it is some times pleasing to stop and look at what has gone by in the past year. Have we as individuals gone forward? Has St. Paul's as part of the Anglican church gone ahead? Yes, St. Paul's have, and are pleased to show this figures so you may all know the pushing forward and reaching out your church has done during 1955.

In 1954 with 154 Sunday services the aggregate attendance was 8298, while in 1955 with 150 Sunday services the attendance was 8544. So now let us make that up into the nine thousand bracket with a little more faithful attendance and bringing in new members to Christ's church.

The men of the parish have not had any big projects lined up but they say it has kept a few of them busy shoveling snow off the walks and it won't be long before they are calling for work parties. Spring is just around the corner and there is always work to do then.

During 1955 St. Paul's Evening group W.A. had a very successful year. With first attempt of a fashion show so great they have been asked to make this an annual event. To finish off a busy year the groups specialty was making personalized Christmas stockings for their Christmas bazaar, and with all the orders

well in advance they will soon have to start for next year.

Two members who were awarded life membership badges during the year were Miss Rhoda Swift and Mrs. T. S. Jeans.

The evening branch W.A. will dedicate a church pew as a memorial to the late Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sheppard who were well known members of the parish and faithful servers of the church.

A date to remember—Saturday, Feb. 11th, 1956—The afternoon W.A. will have an annual sale of home cooking at the market square. So don't forget to drop in while you are out shopping that Saturday.

Baptisms—Brenley Elizabeth Crawford —Donna Lynn Monty.

ST. FAITH'S

The Rev. L. M. Watts

Christmas services were again beautiful and inspiring. Starting with the Carol service on December 18th and continuing through the whole season, the choir sang carols and anthems appropriate for Christmas. The Rev. Mr. Watts was assisted at the midnight service on Christmas Eve by the Rev. A. J. B. Hough. The church was again beautifully decorated by the Sanctuary Guild, and with so many vases of memorial flowers, the usual tree (for which there was no room this year) was hardly missed. The choir sang carols at Elizabeth House on the evening of December 22nd.

Christmas is the time of year for parties and this year was no exception. The Afternoon W.A. and the Junior W.A. held their closing parties on December 14th. The two Sunday School parties were enjoyed on December 16th and the choir held theirs December 30th.

The Junior Auxiliary have been busy since the start of the Fall season, this was proved on the morning of December 11th when they held a church parade at which time badges and awards were presented to them by Mr. Watts.

The G.A. group have been working just as hard as their younger sisters, and at the Morning Service on November 20th Honour Rings were presented to Carole Horton and Betty Reeves.

It goes without saying that all the W.A. members have been working at top speed. The Afternoon W.A. held a most successful bazaar early in December. At another meeting they had the pleasure of a talk by the Rev. A. E. Godwin of the Wabasca Indian School. Both W.A. groups attended a St. Andrews Day Corporate Communion, January 11th was the day of their Annual Meeting when excellent reports on the year's work were given. Mrs. E. Currey resigned as President after seven years in office. Mrs. D. Mason and Mrs. Palmer have moved to other parishes, presentations were made to them in appreciation of their years of service. The following officers will conduct the business of the Afternoon W.A. in 1956: Mrs. L. M. Watts was invited to be Honorary President and Mrs. A. Patch Hon. Vice-President. Pres. Mrs. H. Sanders, 1 V.P. Mrs. McNeill,

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The Evening W.A. held their Annual Meeting and election of officers on Jan. 11th with Mr. Watts on the chair. Excellent reports were given by retiring officers and the following were elected to represent the group in the new year: Hon. Pres. Mrs. L. M. Watts; Pres. Mrs. H. J. Bristow; Vice-Pres. Mrs. C. Bridgewater; Sec. Mrs. L. Slater; Treas. Mrs. Dorcas and Social Service, Mrs. M. Morgan; Educ. Sec. Miss V. Whyte; E. D. Darch; Little Helpers, Mrs. F. W. Kopak; Prayer Partner, Mrs. T. W. Higginson; Living Message, Mrs. H. Skinner; Flower and Card Con. Mrs. H. Holberton; Tea Con. Mrs. C. E. Gourlay; Greeting Cards, Mrs. P. A. Fairbrother; Bazaar, Mrs. J. Cleverley and Mrs. W. Shillabeer.

The Men's Club have held two well attended and much enjoyed supper meetings, one December 5th when films were shown, the other January 9th when they were addressed by Mr. Charles Orchard, who chose Art as his subject.

Baptisms — Peter Rarrel Charlebois; John Richard Cleveley; David William Chmilar; Ranald Sutton Newby; Lee Thomas Newby; John Phillips White.

Marriages — Gordon Frank Johnston and Jacqueline Antonia Carr; Robert William Turberfield and Jean Firth; Sjurdur Herbjorn Simonsen and Lorraine Martha Grace Cardinal; John Phillips White and Louise Fotty.

Burials — Marjorie Bertha Hichman; Augustus Henry Parker; Valarie Bernice Harris.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Rev. R. J. Maggs

The Every Member Canvass returns are complete now and show a one third increase in the number of envelope subscribers and a substantial increase in money pledged. This is only the beginning in Calder—for the community is on the verge of real expansion, and we intend to burst our seams right along with the community.

Christmas was the joyous season it should be. Our thanks to Canon Teape who celebrated the Christmas Eve Communion service while Mr. Maggs was assisting Canon Elkin at St. Mary's. The children at the Sunday School Christmas party on December 19th saw an excellent Nativity film—and joined again in the singing of carols. The Mothers didn't have a chance against the men at musical chairs however. Santa Claus arrived on schedule and the evening was one to remember. The C.B.L. and J.A. held their Christmas party together the afternoon of

December 23rd. The courtesy of the two groups towards each other was noteworthy but that didn't stop the large Christmas cake from vanishing almost at once. The A.Y.P.A. joined with the other city branches at Holy Trinity for the Yuletide Characters Contest, and were both surprised and delighted when they were awarded a tie for first place with St. Paul's in the contest.

The Young People have decided to apply for their Dominion Charter and affiliate with the local council. The results of the permanent elections were: Ronald Priest, President; Robert Maynard, Sec.; and Dennis Moore, Treas. In November a film night following Evensong was held—and proceeds were given to the Diocesan Council for the hamper fund. At the 3 meetings since Christmas: elections, two talks by Mr. Maggs on Our Church Organization and The Origin of the Bible, and a toboggan party on the Golf Course Hill have been the program.

Both W.A. groups are active again under their new executives. In 1956 the Afternoon Group will be led by Mrs. Woodcock, Pres.; Mrs. Mudt, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Barker, Sec. and Mrs. Briggs, Treas.

The Evening Branch and Altar Guild executive are now Mrs. Dick, Pres.; Mrs. Wagar, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Brady, Sec. and Mrs. E. K. Anderson, Treas.

Special thanks are in order for the Evening Group for their good work in decorating the church for the festive season. Both groups have worked well this past year and the Building Fund has profited greatly from their combined efforts. We know their excellent work will continue under their new executives.

CAMSELL HOSPITAL

The Ven. C. F. A. Clough

We regret the lateness of these expressions of thanks to all who helped to make the season of Christmas so happy for the patients here.

At present time there are 116 patients of our faith and they are being visited by groups from the following parishes. All Saints', St. John's, St. Mary's, St. Peter's, St. Paul's and St. James'.

As well Mrs. Hester and her assistant and Mrs. Coleman and her assistant are helping to give religious instruction.

Mrs. Hester had the children of Ward Two give a lovely Nativity Play. We carried the children around to other wards on a Stretcher, it was greatly enjoyed. The C.R.N. had a little of it on TV also the C.B.C. carried it over a nation wide TV Show and praised it highly.

It was indeed a great credit to Mrs. the Parished from the country as well Hester and the children. We thank all as the city who sent gifts for the patients.

The Rev. Don. Whitbread and Paniloo Lazarus from Spence Bay visited us. It was a great joy to have services for the patients in three of the Wards and we are looking forward to his return from the Synod.

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ST. MARY'S

Canon W. T. Elkin

The Christmas season and the New Year celebrations are now in the past but the memory of the services and their festivals are pleasant. Christmas services at St. Mary's were well attended and we enjoyed to the fullest once again the special Christmas music and appreciate very much the effort and talent shown at this season.

All church groups and activities are again in full swing. The girls of the J.A. for stripes, badges. Fifteen missionary Group had a busy Fall season, studying badges, as many First and Second stripes were awarded at the St. Andrew's Day and admission service, when sixteen new members were admitted. The group's Christmas party was a happy one, with the film "The Little Angel", shown. The group is now studying the book "Bright Pathways", which should prove most interesting.

Sunday evening, January 8th, our Junior Choir was featured and proved themselves a very capable group, the comments of the congregation being most favorable.

January 22nd at morning service, we welcomed Bishop Clark as our visitor and at Evensong were pleased to have with us Dean Sparling of the Cathedral.

The W.A. group have been busy with year end activities and annual meetings. The afternoon group elected as president Mrs. H. J. Newnham, with honorary presidents being Mrs. W. T. Elkin, Mrs. M. Brown, Mrs. F. Collier. Other officers are: Mrs. E. Marshall, 1st vice-president; Mrs. W. F. Croft, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Cogan, secretary; Mrs. T. C. Gittins, treas.; Mrs. E. Marshall, corresponding secretary; Mrs. F. Briggs, prayer partner; Mrs. M. Brown, flower fund; Mrs. F. Burden, Living Message; Mrs. Portlock, needlework; Mrs. A. Skitch, U.T.O. and E.C.D.; Mrs. W. Kent, hospital visitor; Miss A. Coombe, social and telephone convener; Mrs. K. McDonall, Dorcas secretary; Mrs. C. Marshall, Education; Mrs. T. Henderson, Charles Camell Hospital visitor; Mrs. W. F. Croft, social work; Mrs. E. Thirl-

well, parish visitor and tea convener; Mrs. R. Langdon, G.A. secretary.

The Evening Group W.A. elected Mrs. J. R. Warner as president. Honorary president is Mrs. L. Collins; honorary vice-president Mrs. G. H. Field. Officers are: Mrs. L. Suss, 1st vice-president; Mrs. A. R. Bannard, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. H. B. Thirlwell, recording secretary; Mrs. A. Cook, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. A. Armstrong, treasurer; Mrs. J. Martin, Dorcas; Mrs. L. A. Duhamel, Little Helpers secretary; Mrs. S. Anderson, Education; Mrs. J. M. McKay, Prayer partner and Living Message; Mrs. W. G. Whitehouse, U.T.O. and E.C.D.; Mrs. W. J. Scott, refreshments convener; Mrs. A. Radke, press reporter.

ST. PETER'S

The Rev. Newlyn Humphreys

The Annual meeting of the Evening Branch of St. Peter's W.A. was held at the Rectory on the Feast of The Epiphany.

Mrs. R. Lancaster opened the meeting at 8:30 p.m. and following a hymn the Rector led in the prayers.

The Roll Call and Minutes were read by Mrs. C. Young.

Reports on the last year's work were received from the Secretary, Treasurer, Educational Secretary, Dorcas Secretary, Thank Offering Secretary and Living Message Secretary. All reports showed a forward trend.

The Rector thanked the branch for its efforts in 1955, spoke briefly on Epiphany and the need for Evangelism, then presided for the election of officers. Mrs. Griffen presented the report of the Nomination Committee and the following members were elected to office for 1956. President, Mrs. R. Lancaster; Vice-President, Miss M. Ledgard and Mrs. A. J. Smith; Secretary, Mrs. C. Young; Treasurer, Miss E. Clegg; Education, Mrs. B. Samuel; Dorcas, Miss M. Clegg; Thankoffering, Mrs. F. Butlin; Living Message, Mrs. G. Shephard; Prayer Partners, Mrs. Humphreys; Conveners: Social, Mrs. Griffen; Telephone, Mrs. Hallaway; Bazaar, Mrs. C. Harris.

Mrs. Young and Mrs. Lancaster as hostesses served a lunch when the meeting was closed.

Rural Deanery of Pembina**ST. CATHERINE'S, EDSON**

The Rev. Frs. H. W. Buckner
J. G. Gardiner

Readers of last month's notices will realize that corrections are in order. Owing to Fr. Robinson's transfer to Jasper in February, Fr. Gardiner postponed his departure for Europe until March 6th and was still with us over the holiday season to celebrate the Christmas Eve service and deliver a very fine address which was much appreciated by the large congregation.

There was an innovation at the Sunday School Christmas party when the G.A. had trained the children. It was a very good performance and Mrs. Davidson's presented a short play for which the girls are to be congratulated.

The cubs have their big night January 24th when proud parents will witness the presentation of badges to 26 Tenderpads. Mr. Boggs with his 46 clubs is doing a remarkably fine job of leadership and we are extremely grateful to him.

We are sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Gueffray and family and we wish them every happiness in their new home at

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Wainwright. Mr. Gueffray's departure leaves the scouts without a permanent leader. We hope that this post can soon be filled. In the meantime the Vicar has once more added this work to his already overloaded schedule.

Our Annual Meeting will be held Jan. 22nd and on Jan. 29th the Parish supper will be the occasion for our presentation and farewell to Fr. Robinson. With deep regret we see him go, though many of us have had forebodings that this happy arrangement at the clergyhouse could not last indefinitely. These last seven years have passed very quickly, but Mr. Robinson's sanguine temperament and keen churchmanship have left their mark on Edson, and he will always be affectionately remembered in this parish, especially by the young people with whom he loved to work. Our best wishes go with him to Jasper and we look forward to many happy meetings in the future.

The two W.A.'s had fine weather and a good attendance at the Pre-Christmas Bazaar and the evening group have since been busy with catering. The reports of all groups indicate a successful year with expanding numbers in 1955.

Flowers on the Altar in memory of: Dec. 11th, Marjorie, Jean Dobyn—Dec. 25th, Allan Boomer Sr.—Jan. 1st, Eva Buchner—Jan. 8th, Wm. Parnell.

ST. PHILIP'S, WESTLOCK

The Rev. R. A. Sayer

Several days before Christmas, the Annual Concert was held in the Church and Hall. During the party in the Hall, Santa arrived to distribute crackers and candies to all the children present. At the same time he presented gifts of money to Mr. Horrocks, Mr. Pym and the Vicar. Mr. Pym was also the recipient of a large gift from under the tree which turned out to be a new golf bag which we hope will see much service on the local course in the month to come.

For the first time in several years we had no Christmas Eve service at St. Philip's. Of course we were supposed to have one, and elaborate preparations had been made. The Church was beautifully decorated with cedar and holly which several friends had sent from the coast. In every window there were small candelabra, and a small Crib made by Mr. Wyatt who has only been in Westlock a few months, was standing near the pulpit. A good congregation waited patiently until after midnight, and after lessons and some prayers took themselves home. The Vicar we understand arrived in Westlock some time later, reporting that he had spent the past two hours in a snow bank which accounted for his absence. Someone recalled that he was late a year ago and felt that he least he could have done was kept the actual anniversary and not Christmas Eve.

In addition to the interior decoration of the Church, a large Nativity scene was set up and spotlighted for several weeks just to the right of the door of the Church. This has been the source of

much interest and many fine compliments.

Another new addition which also stood within the spotlight was a new signboard made by Mr. Kroll and lettered by Mrs. Pym informing everyone that this was the site of the Anglican Church of Canada in Westlock.

Early in January the ladies of St. Philip's Guild met at the home of Mrs. Pym for their annual meeting. Almost all the ladies were able to be present. After their business meeting during which plans were made for the Valentine Tea, the Vicar took the chair for the elections. The same slate as last year, with one new addition was re-elected. President, Mrs. R. Green; Vice-president, Mrs. F. G. Pym; Secretary, Mrs. D. Turner and Treasurer, Mrs. F. Merryweather. The financial statement revealed that the Guild have had one of the best years to date so that nothing now seems to stand in the way of erecting the kitchen addition to the Hall.

The annual meeting of the Parish will be held later in January.

CHRIST CHURCH, JARVIE

The Rev. R. A. Sayer

There has been very little activity in this Parish of late. At the time of writing there have been no services in the New Year. Blizzards have kept both the Vicar and people away. The last service we had was on Christmas morning when the Vicar was assisted by one of the Altar boys from Westlock which added a touch of brightness to our little church. At the conclusion of the service the Vicar blessed a Crib set up near the Pulpit which we understand was made and given by a gentleman in Westlock to whom we now say "thank you."

Until winter decides to move on its way we do not know when we shall be having services, nor can we make any plans for our Annual Vestry Meeting.

ST. LUKE'S, CLYDE

A New Year and still no Church services. That is the situation here. The Vicar might be able to get over here on the highway, but we doubt if many other would be able to join him. Winter has come to Clyde with a vengeance, and whether we like it or not we are snowed in.

The last service we had was Christmas eve when the Vicar and Mr. Horrocks arrived with two servers from Westlock. To save electricity which we only need once a year, we reverted to the old gas lamp in the nave helped by candles placed in all the windows which made the church look very cheery and warm indeed from outside. At the end of the Communion Service the Vicar blessed a Christmas Manger scene which he had set up near the organ. We understand that we have to thank a member of the Westlock church for this lovely Christmas gift.

As soon as the weather clears we shall be holding our annual meeting at

which time we hope to be able to organize ourselves a little better than we have been during these few months St. Luke's has been re-opened.

ST. STEPHEN'S, ALCOMDALE

We cleaned and decorated our church for Christmas eve services with spruce trees, boughs and red ribbons. Mr. and Mrs. D. Spargo gave a beautiful bouquet of Baby Mums in colors for the Altar and after service these were given to our oldest members of the Congregation, Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Elliot.

Our service for Christmas Eve was well attended in spite of the severe weather at that time.

Just before the beginning of our service the Vicar blessed a pair of cruets and tray, a bread box and a Missal Stand for the Altar. These gifts are part of the Lalende Memorial given some time ago in memory of Marlene Lalende, at the same time a new credence table, made by Cordie Whetsen, was blessed.

Another recent gift to St. Stephen's is a White Burse and Veil together with a Pall, corporal and purificator. We are very pleased to receive these gifts especially since the burse-veil are such a close match with our white frontal. These are gifts from the Sisters of the Church of Toronto. We wish to thank them.

Sorry to say no work has been done recently on our church due to the extreme cold weather but hope to be able to write all about our remodelling real soon.

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ST. PETER'S

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Rev. A. E. Potter

At our Vestry Meeting, held at the end of November it was decided to carry on with the Every Member Canvass, but, unfortunately, the big blizzard on Dec. 12 - 13 frustrated our plans, and weather conditions since then have brought continued frustration, so that to date our plans are still "snowed under".

Considering the grim task of getting around, because of the frightful road conditions our two Christmas Services were well attended. Our Vicar administered Holy Communion to us in the afternoon of Christmas Day. This was the first time in many years that we have been privileged to receive this Holy Sacrament at Christmas, and we all appreciated the fervent beauty of the administration. After the service our Vicar was surprised to have the Christmas tree with its numerous small packages presented to him with the best wishes of the congregation.

On the following Friday, the 30th we held a Carol Service which was much enjoyed. The Christmas Story read in conjunction with the appropriate Carols gave added beauty to both.

We extend best wishes to each one of our fellow members in St. Gregory's Mission for 1956.

CHRIST CHURCH, MANNVILLE

The Rev. C. C. MacPherson

No services have been cancelled for any reason and there has been a fairly good attendance. The Carol service was held on the 18th of December and Family Service on Christmas Day. There was a good attendance at both of these services. Our Christmas Communion was partaken of at 8:30 on the morning of Dec. 18th. The Rev. Minchin from Vermilion was the celebrant. Service was held on New Year's Day.

The Annual Sunday School Christmas Party was held and as always was well attended. Santa remembered all the kiddies on this occasion.

The Annual meeting of the Christ Church W. A. was held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Hamilton with a good attendance. Hangings for the Church had been ordered and beautifully made by Mrs. Allen. It is hoped to get more in the near future so that we will have enough for all the seasons. A motion was moved, seconded and carried that the Happy Hour W. A. take over all responsibility and that they ask the help of the Afternoon Group for any help or baking required. The slate of officers for 1956 are: President, Mrs. R. J. Whitson, 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. I. Jones; 2nd. Vice-Pres., Mrs. C. W. Hamilton; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. A. E. Williams; Dorcas-Sec., Mrs. A. Rutherford; Ed-

ucational-Sec., Mrs. E. J. Lugg; E.C.D.-Sec. Mrs. B. K. Jones; U.T.O. & D.T.O. Sec., Mrs. C. Manz; Prayer Partner, Mrs. C. W. Hamilton; Sick Committee, Mrs. E. B. Allen, Mrs. B. K. Jones, Mrs. C. Hamilton and Mrs. A. Rutherford. The retiring president gave her report of the year's work and despite the fact this group is no longer considered the official W. A. it is amazing the work accomplished. Seven members of the eighteen had perfect attendance and one member missed only one meeting. Each member was thanked for her willingness to give so freely of herself and of her material assets. The hope was expressed that this would continue for many years to come. The usual social hour was enjoyed over delicious lunch.

The Annual Congregation Meeting was held on Jan. 13th in the Parish Hall. Rev. MacPherson gave a short address telling of his parochial activities and what a pleasure it was for him and Mrs. MacPherson to be with us. He said to be a success we must leave all animosity behind and pull together as a group. He gave the W. A.'s very high praise and stated that the ladies were always in the front line of battle and could always be depended on. He gave thanks to the wardens, the Sunday School teachers, the choir, the organists, the vestry, those who gave of their time in the building programme and Every Member Canvass and all the faithful people who have given their loyal support and co-operation during his eight months of ministry in Mannville.

After the reading of the last minutes, the financial report was read and it was found that a good deal of money would have to be raised in 1956, but with the full co-operation of us all it will be done. The reports of all the organizations fol-

lowed and were all in good standing as far as each particular department was concerned. I am sorry that space does not permit a detailed report of each organization.

The officers for 1956 are as follows: Vicar's Warden, Mr. Jas. Johnstone; People's Warden, Mr. Wally Osborn; Vestry: Messrs. Reg. Lugg, Ralph Leitch, Jas. McLuckie. Miss K. Sutton was appointed Sec.-Treas. for the Vestry. The W. A.'s served a welcome lunch.

Baptisms: Dorothy Barbara Rustad, Gale Glen Rustad, Ronald Robin Rustad, Lawrence Florin Rustad, Shirley Ann Rustad, Jeanette Cecile Rustad, and Cecil Arthur Rustad.

Once again the Churchman subscription is due. Let's put it first on our subscription list. Thank you.

ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

The Rev. C. C. MacPherson

Due to the bad snow and blocked roads there has been no Church since last writing. The Carol Service had to be postponed; also the service scheduled for the 8th of January.

The W. A. Meeting for January scheduled to be held at the Vicarage in town was cancelled due to the blocked roads.

We omitted to state in our last notes that a Card party was held on Nov. 11 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cornish to aid the Church funds. Our Educational Sec. for the W.A. is still Mrs. T. H. Rostron.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN VEGREVILLE

The Rev. W. E. Crowle

The pride and joy of the parish is our new Altar which was ready for use at the Christmas Midnight Eucharist. Mr. Ed. Matthews has been working on it

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Our W.A. decorated the church for Christmas with spruce boughs, and holly berries. The traditional creche and the Christmas tree completed the Nativity setting.

Although the Elks Hall was a chilly place to start with, the children soon warmed things up with their enthusiastic Nativity play and their party. Play costume was good; thank you mothers for your interest and imagination.

Just before Christmas the W.A. had its annual meeting and election of officers for 1956. Mrs. John Nicholson is president; Mrs. Jim Nicholls, Vice-president; Mrs. Alvin Walker, Secretary; Mrs. J. Mast, Treasurer; Mrs. E. Matthews, Little Helpers Secretary; Mrs. H. Lowes, Dorcas Secretary; Mrs. L. Lindley, Hospital visiting.

Reports showed a very active year of worship, study, work and recreation.

WHITFORD AND SODA LAKE

The Rev. W. E. Crowle

The family gatherings in homes such as we have here are rather much like the congregations of the early Christian church. We could speak of "the church which is in thine house", as St. Paul does. Christmas service was a joyful one and all the children were talking of what St. Nicholas had brought them. Snowed in roads lessened numbers this year.

BROSSEAU

The Rev. W. E. Crowle

Sunday Christmas service in the Emes household was bright with the carols sung by the many children of the area. All were glad to lift their voices even without the aid of our usual little reed organ. A creche had been set up beside the altar and the room suitably decorated for the occasion. The Christmas party was scheduled for Thursday in Christmas week, with carols and scenes from the Nativity. We hope that Nick Gongos' little girl is home from hospital now.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GRAND CENTRE

Mr. H. J. Ayres

Services continued each Sunday during the month of December. The Rev. E. Raymond Lockyer remained in the Parish with us until December 9th when he returned to the Mission House, Bracebridge. During Father Lockyer's visit Holy Communion was celebrated in the Rectory daily, and the work of instruct-

ing the Confirmation candidates in their final preparation was put into his hands.

On Saturday, December 17th, we again welcomed our Bishop to the Parish to take our Christmas services. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m. Sunday morning, and again at 11.00 a.m. In the afternoon at 2.30 p.m. the Bishop conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on eighteen candidates in the presence of a packed congregation.

The service in the Airport Chapel at 7:30 p.m. was taken by Mr. Ayres, and the sermon was preached by the Bishop. The Junior Choir of the Chapel rendered a medley of Christmas music in a reverent and respectful manner. Our Father in God left us on Monday afternoon as it was necessary for him to be

in Frog Lake with our Indian Brethren by early Monday evening.

The Christmas Crib Service was poorly attended this year mainly due to the bad condition of the roads.

The Senior Girls' Club under the direction of Miss Rowena Roux entertained the Junior Girls' Club under the same director at their Christmas party on Friday evening, Dec. 23rd.

There have been many parties for the different organizations within the Church over the Christmas season. On Tuesday evening, the Feast day of St. John the Evangelist, the Annual Server's Supper was held in the Rectory. On Wednesday evening a party for the Scouts was held, and on Thursday evening a party for the Cubs. Both

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of these latter parties were under the direction of Ronald Smith and Charles Layton.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 27th, at 8 p.m. The Annual Church Family Party took place in the Parish Hall. Refreshments were served by the Ladies Guild, and entertainment was provided by the Sunday School teachers. The teachers also arranged for a separate gift to be given to each child, and special gifts to the children who are coming to Sunday School regularly.

On Dec. 31st, the Ladies Guild held their Annual Meeting. Mr. Ayres opened the meeting with prayer, and then outlined suggestions for the following year. A social Guild of four ladies whose prime job will be to visit the sick and look after welfare work in the district. The January meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. L. G. LaGore, Bonnyville.

The Men's Committee Meeting, which was poorly attended, was also held in the afternoon of Dec. 31st. Several important matters were discussed. We hope that five or six other men will be brought in on this committee. The Parish is coming out of the rather heavy load of expenditure for 1955, and we hope to be in good condition early in 1956.

After the Ladies Guild and the Church Committee meetings, a buffet supper was served in the Rectory.

Mr. Ayres is in hospital for an eye operation, and the prayers of the Church are asked for him especially at this time. The services in the Month of January will be taken by Mr. Boyd Dowden, Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., and Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.

It is hoped that as many of our laymen as possible will attend the Laymen's Dinner in Edmonton, January 30.

Baptisms — Sheila Marlene Bridges.

Confirmations — Jach Allan Bridges, Charles Grant Rakestraw, Kern Alton Bradbury, Sheila May Reardon, Margaret Joan Hodgson, Nancy Lee Smythe, Elizabeth Sharon Bradbury, Louise Margaret Kienitz, Lois Sildonia Patterson, Carol Ann Marie Fredrickson, Jennifer Ann LaGore, Leonard Allan LaGore, Neil Henry Fredrickson, Albert Arthur Miller, Rowena Vawdrey Roux, Ann Carol Savage, Phyllis Margaret Patricia LaGore, Annie Mary Fredrickson.

Rural Deanery of Wainwright

ST. MARY'S THE VIRGIN EDGERTON

The Rev. R. A. Burdon

The Annual meeting of St. Mary's W. A. of Edgerton, was held at the home of Mrs. G. Kington on Jan. 5th with 12 members answering the roll call.

The Sec-Treas. gave her financial statement and reported a very good year.

We had a very successful Rummage

MISSION OF C. L. I. M. D.

The Rev. Brian L. Brown
Clandonald, Landonville, Irwinville,
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The month of December was one of activity in the Mission of C.L.I.M.D., not the least being the shovelling of snow.

Sunday Services—On Sunday, December 4th, weather conditions were kind and the Vicar was able to hold Services in four of the five parishes. Derwent (where they are held in the local theatre), St. Mary Magdalene, Landonville, Holy Trinity, Irwinville and St. Mary the Virgin, Clandonald.

Sunday, December 11th, Services were held at Myrnam (in the C.P.R. Waiting Room), Holy Trinity, Irwinville, and St. Mary the Virgin, Clandonald.

Sunday, December 18th, found the weather closing in and the usual practice of exchanging Missions with the Rev. Andrews E. Potter of St. Gregory's had to be cancelled on this occasion. Only two Services were possible, Derwent and Clandonald.

Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Eve found the Vicar, complete with six parishioners, arriving at St. Saviour's Vermilion for the Christmas Eve Eucharist at which he assisted the Rector, the Reverend Kells A. Minchin. Carol Services were successfully held at Derwent and Myrnam Christmas morning. Services had been planned for the remaining three parishes but weather conditions eventually found the Vicar and his good wife buried deep in a snow banked road that turned out to be a dead-end. Keith and Noel Kent, parishioners of Holy Trinity, Irwinville came to the rescue with a team horses and soon the Vicar's car was back in the field where it belonged!

Social activities—The Clandonald W.A. held their annual Bazaar on December 3rd, and a good time was enjoyed by all.

A reception was held for Miss Marilyn Brake on Thursday, December 1st, in Clandonald. Miss Brake was presented with the Governor General's Medal for proficiency in her Grade IV schoolwork. Miss Brake is the organist at St. Mary the Virgin, Clandonald.

Funerals—John Stanley Quick, Landonville.

Sale in the Fall, which brought in a nice sum of money.

We were able to meet all our obligations and also were able to help the Vestry with repairs and expenses.

After winding up the old year's business, the Rev. Burdon occupied the chair and declared the meeting open for election of officers. The following were elected: Pres. Mrs. Jim Strayer, Vice-Pres. Mrs. T. N. Withnell; Sec. Treas., Mrs. G. Kington; Dorcas-Sec.,

Mrs. G. Sawyer; P. P. -Sec., Mrs. D. Tramner; Sick Committee, Mrs. R. Reed, and Mrs. A. Calvert.

With our new President, Mrs. J. Strayer in the chair, the business of the New Year got underway. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and duly adopted.

The Dorcas project was discussed and we found Mrs. Kington had the sweater already half made.

We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Bacon as a new member. Mr. and Mrs. Bacon have recently moved to Edgerton, and another newcomer in the person of Mr. E. Hopper who is a very faithful attender to our Church. We bid them all a very hearty welcome, and hope they will be very happy in our parish.

A very impressive little ceremony was performed at the home of Mrs. A. Calvert, when Bishop Clark presented Mrs. Annie Sawyer with a life membership in the W.A. It was given her by the St. Mary's W.A. of Edgerton, for many long years of faithful service.

Mrs. Sawyer was very touched that such an honor was bestowed upon her and was very proud that it was given to her by our beloved Bishop himself.

The Laymen's group which was started a few months ago is getting along very nicely. They are studying the history of the Anglican Church, and Mr. Burdon is making the evenings very interesting. Remember men the meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month and all men of the Parish are welcome.

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ST. ANDREW'S CAMROSE

The Rev. E. M. Evans

The thrill and the business of Christmas always leaves a pause at the beginning of the New Year. The Church, as usual, was beautifully decorated by the Altar Guild. Midnight service was a tremendous experience for all. The Children's Service on Christmas morning with the story of the "crib" leaves the youngsters starry-eyed and the parents with amused smiles. The Junior Choir again sang the service very nicely. The month of hard work by the Choir bore fruit in the very lovely singing in the carol service, in many ways excelled themselves even though the basses left the Rector somewhat startled when they sang their bass harmony instead of the air.

The New Year has begun happily with the newly elected executives of all our groups.

The J. A. are beginning their Study Book and preparing for their festival. The G. A. are working on their dossal cloth and altar cloth for the Sunday School. The new Study Book "All One" is being enjoyed.

The Afternoon and Evening groups of the W. A. are making plans for the New Year. The weather, however, forced the cancellation of the meeting of the Mother's Union.

The Sunday School Christmas party proved a very great success. Pictures and games were thoroughly enjoyed by the children and also the giving of their white gifts.

The Vestry wound up the year very contented with the response of the people to the strenuous financial program that they have undertaken and the Treasurer is just beaming. The Parish is to be congratulated on what may prove to be the year of greatest advance that they have yet made.

ST. GEORGE'S, WINFIELD

We are very sorry to report our very popular and well loved Vicar Rev. J. Gibbons has left for his new post at Athabasca. We all wish him the very best in his new mission, and also in his coming marriage. We hope it will not be too long before we get a new Vicar appointed.

On Friday evening of December 30th there was a Carol service followed by a farewell social evening for the Rev. Gibbons held in the Hoadley Community Hall.

The service was much enjoyed by all, many of the congregation assisted in the reading of the lessons, and the farewell message of Mr. Gibbons was appreciated by everyone.

The service was followed by a social evening of games and stunts. Kept at lively pace by Rev. C. Hendra of Rimbey, acting as master of ceremonies, many

thanks for his assistance. A number of welcome visitors were present from Rimbey and Ponoka. A lovely lunch was served by the ladies. Then the Vicar's warden gave a farewell talk, in well chosen words.

The people's warden then presented the Rev. Gibbons with a lounge chair and coffee table, from his many, many friends in the Hoadley district. Mr. Gibbons replied with recalling many incidents in his years among us, some very amusing, others of a more serious nature.

The evening closed with the singing of For They are Jolly Good Fellows, Auld Lang Syne and the Queen.

The annual meeting of the Hoadley Parish was held at the home of Mrs. C. Olson at 8 p.m., Jan. 3, 1956. The Rev. Gibbons Presiding; very favorable reports were heard from The Vestry, People's Warden, Canvass chairman and the W.A.

A name for our Parish and proposed Church was chosen. The elected Vestry and People's Warden were returned to office. After a discussion period the meeting closed with a prayer, after which a delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

The Rev. E. M. Evans

A service of Holy Communion was held at 9.30 Christmas morning, and we are grateful to our Rector for giving us this early service. Evergreens on the walls and flowers on the Altar helped to make our little church look festive.

The two Sunday Schools of St. Andrews, Camrose and St. Dunstan's, Bittern Lake, joined for a Christmas party in Camrose. This was something different to other years, and was found quite enjoyable.

The first meeting of the W.A. in the New Year was held at the home of Mrs. Hagstrom, Jan. 12th, with Mrs. Butcher, the new President, presiding. Plans were started for a "pot-luck" supper to be held in the near future.

ST. JOHN'S, SEDGEWICK

The Rev. Donald Moore

A group of the men and women of the congregation gave of their time and energy to prepare the Rectory for the arrival of the Rev. D. F. Moore and family early in November. The congregations of Sedgewick, Killam and Loughead undertook the renovation and modernization of the house in the period between incumbencies. Oil heating and new plumbing have been installed and the Rectory, complete with a new kitchen, wiring, paper and paint, is a pride and joy.

A welcome was extended to the new Incumbent and his family at a social gathering following the first service of Evensong after his arrival. A delightful

lunch was served by the ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Vestry members and their partners were welcomed as the guests of the Rector and his wife at an evening social in the Rectory.

The Christmas services were happy ones, and it was thrilling to see the wardens hurrying for chairs from the Parish Hall to accomodate all those attending the Candlelight Carol Service. A Memorial Altar Book has been presented by Mrs. G. Weber in memory of her parents. It was used for the first time at the Eucharist on Christmas morning.

The W.A. had had chalice and paten replated, and Mrs. Weber had sewn beautiful red hangings from material supplied by the W.A.

The children enjoyed their Christmas Tree Party, with its visit from Santa Claus, eats and treats, and coloured slides of the Nativity. Their offerings on the stage were much enjoyed by those present.

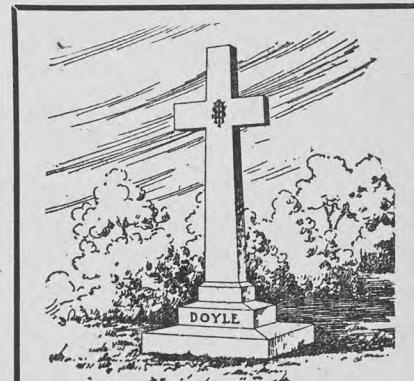
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The W.A. has been holding Bridge and Whist parties in the Parish Hall, and these are well-attended and much enjoyed.

Confirmation class (Catechism) is conducted in the Rectory every Monday at 3:35.

Choir practice Thursday at 8 p.m.

Prayers are asked for all who are sick, and especially for Mr. and Mrs. G. Tanton, Mr. Blackman, Mr. Bill Townsend, Mrs. Ward.

ST. GEORGE'S, KILLAM

The Rev. Donald Moore

The W.A. held a very successful tea and bazaar in the Co-op Hall in November. The members decided, at their November meeting, to return to office the standing executive, and also to provide special gifts of remembrance at the Christmas season to the sick.

The Christmas Eve Eucharist was well-attended, despite the severe cold, and the church was furnished with a lovely tree and altar flowers.

No party could have been more successful and enjoyed than that given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith for the Sunday School children. Their Christmas treats were most wonderfully prepared and even "shared" (remember the ear-rings?).

Confirmation class (Catechism) weekly at the home of Mrs. Neely at 8:35.

Remember the hospitalized, especially Mr. Fred Abernethy.

Tribute to the faithful and continued service of Mr. Hayward at the organ and to Mr. Halsall, who assists with the reading of the Lessons.

St. George's W.A. met at the home of Mrs. R. Smith, with 13 members answering the roll call.

Pres. Mrs. Collins opened the meeting in the usual order. The minutes and various reports were given and approved. Donations were discussed, and made. A committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the annual church supper. Life membership for one or two of our members was discussed and tabled till the February meeting, when it is hoped we will have more information. The business being over, the meeting closed with the Litney and prayer.

Dainty lunch was served by Mrs. E. Brodie and Mrs. Stewart, assisted by Mrs. Smith. Various ways of making money were discussed over the tea cups.

ALL SAINTS, LOUGHEED

The Rev. Donald Moore

The heating problem was solved for the winter when Mr. Ned Butcher and Mr. Tom Scott installed an extra heater in the Church. This certainly adds to the comfort in this beautiful little church of All Saints.

The W.A. has had a busy and successful year and looks forwards to even better things in 1956.

Mrs. Kirkman was hostess to the Little Helpers just before Christmas. What a wonderful lunch, and what wonderful fun with those balloons.

Many thanks to Mrs. Tom Scott for another year of good service at the organ.

Catechism class at the home of Mrs. Barthel each Thursday at 8:35.

ST. MARY'S PONOKA

The Rev. James Bearсто

The excitement of the opening of our new Parish Hall was still in the air, when two days later, Dec. 16th, St. Mary's held their annual Sunday School Christmas part. The new Hall was crowded with youngsters and their parents and many of the members of the congregation interested in the children of the Parish. A very interesting program was presented under the direction of Mrs. Floyd Stetch, superintendent, and the other teachers, Mr. Wm. Savage, Mrs. H. Shurman, Mrs. Wm. Earl, Mrs. D. Howell, Miss Lois Howell, Miss Dareen Wilders, Miss Joan Kernz and Miss Judy Clissold. The Vicar acted as master of ceremonies and seemed as pleased as all the other adults present at the splendid program put on by the children and their teachers.

The Christmas Eve service of Holy Communion was well attended considering the very cold weather at the time. Mr. Percy Wilkins, Vicars warden, reports 48 communicants at this service. Christmas day, being Sunday, the regular Sunday services were held at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Vicar was able to get out to the Mental Hospital also for a celebration of Holy Communion at 9 a.m. The Vicar began his schedule of services Christmas day with a celebration of the Eucharist at 7 a.m. at the municipal hospital for Mr. W. T. Young, our peoples warden. Mr. Young is now out of hospital bed, and back at his hospital desk. Walter tells us he was not really sick but was just keeping a bed warm for his wife who took over a few days later. We wish Mrs. Young a speedy recovery.

January promises to be a busy month at St. Mary's, with the Evening W.A. "pot-luck" supper and annual meeting Wednesday 11th, the Ponoka week of prayer January 16th—20th, and the annual Parish dinner and meeting January 25th. Plans are underway for the formation of an A.Y.P.A. group and a Men's Club at St. Mary's in the near future. Also in the clutter of the Vicar's desk (you should see it, really!) are plans for mid-week Lenten services (Wednesdays at 8 p.m.) when we hope to have some speakers from other parts of the Wetaskiwin Deanery.

In addition to these plans, the Vicar—with a nasty glint in his eye—is threatening to get an every member visitation and canvass underway in the near future.

Baptisms—Cheryl Denise McKelvey, Linda Anna Hoedl, Dale Robin Dewhirst.

Canon Elkin, the Rector of St. Mary's Church, Edmonton, promises to pay us a visit on Monday, February 6th, at 8 p.m. to speak to the assembled visitors and canvassers.

Final note: Mr. Bowden missed seeing Santa Claus at the Christmas party. What's the idea, Bill, don't you believe in Santa Claus?

CANVASS QUOTES

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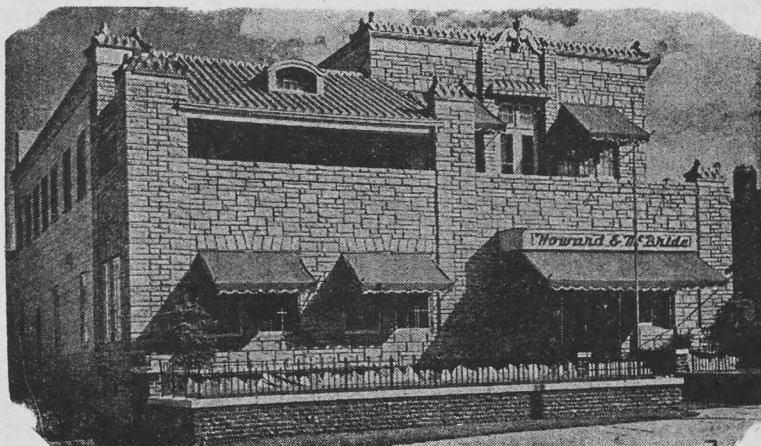
how the fellows trooped into George Prowse's place at Jasper, and over coffee and cake discussed how things had gone with them. The whole atmosphere was charitable and Christian. (2) Then there is the nudge which the chairman of the canvass should administer to his canvassers every couple of days to make sure that they complete the canvass within ten days at the very outside. (3) Three months later, at the end of the first quarter, a small committee should visit everyone who has pledged and is not using their envelope. People will welcome this advance, and most of them will speedily remedy the situation. (4) Publish the results from the pulpit, or in the form of a bulletin. Most of these results are not a deep dark secret, and, when everyone hears how freely the brethren are giving to the work of the Lord, a proper feeling of satisfaction will be engendered in the congregation. (5) And what would be wrong with making one of the services after the canvass a mild (Anglican) Thanksgiving? The congregation might say: "O Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever." There would be no need to say it twenty-seven times as Psalm 136 does. But even Anglicans might say it once on such an occasion. (6) Plan for next year. While the whole thing is fresh in everybody's mind round up the canvassers, make a record of the whole thing, the errors of omission and commission, the things that made it a success. The record of the sum-total of your experiences will be an invaluable aid to the fellows who do the job next year. It may make all the difference to the future financial stability of your parish.

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